

*In Loving Memory of*



*Rhea Bowden-Gaines*

**SUNRISE: September 9, 1958 - SUNSET: December 4, 2021**

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - 11AM**

**Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church**

**2365 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027**

# Obituary

**Rhea Bowden-Gaines** was born on September 9, 1958 at Metropolitan Hospital, New York, NY. She was the daughter of Charles Birmingham and Gloria Jenkins. She was raised on 114th Street in Harlem along with her siblings, Karen and Eric.

After finishing high school, Rhea furthered her education and went on to hold positions in the clerical field for numerous years. She ended her career as a Home Loans Manager.

As a young adult, Rhea gave birth to her first child, Charles, followed by her second child, Nathaniel, and then came her baby girl, Karen. She along with her then husband, Earl Bowden raised there children to be strong, responsible, and to always look after one another. As the years moved on Rhea reunited with her first love, Albert Gaines. They married and created a beautiful life of West Coast living. Rhea enjoyed cooking, shopping and her grandchildren.

Rhea is survived by: her husband, Albert; sons, Charles and Nathaniel; daughter, Karen; grandchildren, Mia, Little Nate, Kadence and Kaitlyn; great niece, Olivia; stepchildren, Dmitri, Kendall and Terrail; siblings, Karen, Eric and Gloria; brother-in-law, Rodney; nephews, Julius, Justin and Brandon; and a host of loving family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

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Viewing

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## **INTERMENT:**

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me

I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

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## *Acknowledgement*

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.***

***May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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