

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Christine Jona Ward McKeel*

*Sunrise*  
October 26, 1952

*Sunset*  
January 7, 2022



*Service*

*Friday, January 14, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.*

**Grace United Methodist Church**  
200-08 Murdock Avenue • St. Albans, NY 11412  
*Rev. Dr. Chermain Lashley, Pastor*

## *Order of Service*

Prelude

Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Dr. Chermain Lashley

Hymn of Comfort.....“Trust and Obey”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament .....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Hymn.....“It is Well With My Soul”

Obituary .....Bridget Parker

Selection.....“Almost There” - Jasmin Whitaker-Armstrong

Acknowledgements and Tributes..... Friends and Family

Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Sermon ..... Rev. Dr. Chermain Lashley

Committal/Commendation..... Rev. Dr. Chermain Lashley

Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. Chermain Lashley

Recessional Hymn ..... “How Great Thou Art”

*Interment*

Pinelawn Memorial Park  
Farmingdale, New York

## *Life Journey*

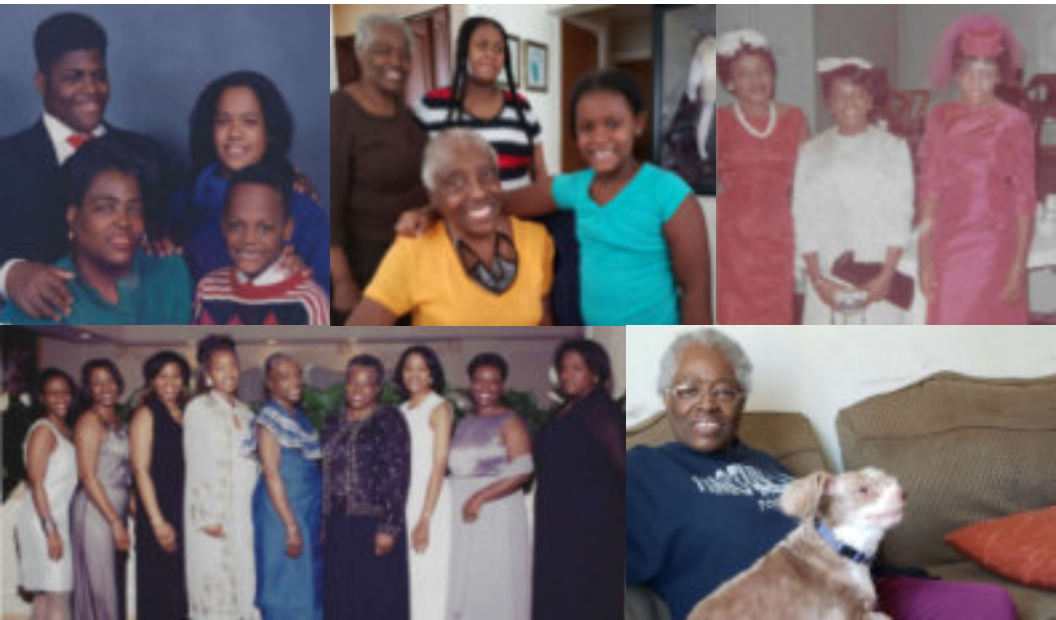
**Christine Iona Ward-McKee** was the second daughter born to Clement Ward and Iris Shepherd Ward on October 26, 1952. She was born in Harlem and raised in Queens, New York. Christine was educated in the New York City Public School System and attained her Bachelors of Arts in Public Administration and Accounting in 1976 from Bernard Baruch College of the City University of New York. She began her career at CBS and then worked at American Express Corporation for several years. In 1976, Christine married Lawrence McKee and decided to put her career on pause to become a wife and mother.

Once her children, Stephen, Liana and Russell became school age, she resumed her professional career and entered public service, serving as the Office Manager of Queens Public Television (QPTV). In 1986, she joined the staff of the Queens Borough President's Office. In 2016, Christine retired as the Fiscal Officer of the Queens Borough President's Office and the 14 Queens Community Boards of the City of New York.

Christine was a woman of faith and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church serving as Secretary Treasurer of the Usher Board for many years. Chris loved spending time with her family and extended family. She always looked forward to attending an annual women's retreat with her sistah cousins and friends. She was an avid reader, loved to travel and enjoyed watermelon, brussel sprouts and Wise Potato Chips!

On Friday, January 7, 2022, Christine made her transition. She was preceded in death by her father, Clement Ward (1996); her beloved mother, Iris Ward (2010); and her sons, Stephen McKee (2013) and Russell McKee (2015). Chris leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, her loving daughter, Liana McKee; her sister, Adzua Opare; her granddaughter, Lyric McKee; and a host of family and friends.

*~ Lovingly submitted by the family ~*



# *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!*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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