Celebrating the Life



Sunrise February 22, 1932 Sunset December 29, 2021

Service: Friday, January 21, 2022 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME 4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466 Reverend Lonnie Bryant, Officiating Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist



Gertrude Kelly, affectionately referred to as "Feva" or "Gertie" was born to Luna (Mama Lune) Mendez and Leopold (Bahmas) Kelly on February 22, 1932, in Huntstown, St. Mary, Jamaica, W.I. She was one of many children. As a child, Gertrude was jovial but also tended to catch fevers, hence the petname "Feva".

At the age of 13 she left her childhood home and went to Port Maria to begin working as a nanny. She learned the value of working from an early age while helping her family back in Huntstown. From there she moved to Kingston at the age of 20. It was here that she met Carlton Roy Peart. She then had her children Patricia & Christopher and moved to Trenchtown.

In 1967, Gertrude sought a better life for her family and migrated to United States, before she finally settled in the Bronx, NY She was a caretaker for the Musmand family, caring for them as if they were her own. She eventually secured employment at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. Gertrude worked diligently on the housekeeping staff for 27 years until retirement in 1997. She enjoyed her retirement to the fullest, traveling and living life. While Gertrude worked hard, she never forgot to care for her family at home and abroad.

Gertrude was full of personality and talent. Her bright smile, amusing/long stories, and hearty laugh brought life to any space she occupied. She had blessed hands and was also very generous. Gertrude was generous with her time and space which she gave to loved ones in abundance. It would not be uncommon to see her at every event she was invited to or to see her hosting friends and family at her home.

Nothing was more important to Gertrude than her faith and family. She was a faithful member of Featherbed Lane Presbyterian Church in Bronx, NY where she enjoyed singing and caring for members in fellowship though the kitchen. Her holiday black cakes, and fried dumplings were always a hit. Before illness gripped her body, Gertrude reveled in the company of the village of which she was the matriarch, especially doting on her grand and great-grandchildren.

Gertrude passed away on December 29, 2021. She was predeceased by siblings, Wilburt, Lystra, Norman, Percival, Glifford, Jeffert, Mavis, Solomon and Valentine (Willy). She is survived by her devoted children, Patricia Jacobs and Christopher Peart; beloved grandchildren Dennis (Rashadd) and wife, Jodi, Jermaine, and Simone; cherished great-grandchildren, Jayden, Mia, Aria, and Eva; and loving siblings, Vinroy, and Owen.

She also leaves to mourn nieces, nephews and host of other relatives and friends. We are saddened by the loss, but we thank God for the gift of her life as we cherish the memories He so graciously bestowed. As Gertrude would always remind us, "This is your life for the rest of your life."

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Rev. Kevin Wade

Processional

Invocation Reverend Lonnie Bryant

> Selection Rev. Kevin Wade

Scripture Readings

Reverend Lonnie Bryant Old Testament New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort Reverend Lonnie Bryant

> Selection Rev. Kevin Wade

Reading Of Obituary

Selection Rev. Kevin Wade

Eulogy Reverend Lonnie Bryant

Committal & Benediction Reverend Lonnie Bryant

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

<u>Acknowledgments</u>

May God bless you for the consideration you've shown. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered with love and appreciation.

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