

In Loving Memory of



*Verissa
Beckford*

Sunrise
December 19, 1932

Sunset
December 31, 2021

Service:
Friday, January 21, 2022 - 6:00 pm

McCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Norman Coleman, Officiating

Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Nerissa Beckford or as we all lovingly called her Ner-Ner and Mum, was born in Fairy Hill, Portland, Jamaica W.I. on December 19, 1932 to Olive Parsley and Reggie Beckford. The first born of six children, she was a bundle of joy from the very beginning.

Nerissa grew up in the fruitful parish of Portland, Jamaica W.I., a closely knitted village of Fairy Hill called all Spice Grove. She attended Boston all age school. Upon completion of Boston all age she left her community to seek employment in Kingston. Employment in those days was difficult to obtain. As a result, she started buying and selling merchandise. She continued in that business for several years and it was during those times she met and married the love of her Mr. H Cole.

Soon after the marriage Ner-Ner moved to Manchester with her husband, where she resided until his passing in 2016. Anyone who knew Ner-Ner, knew that she was the most loving, mother and wife a family could ever ask for. Not long after her husband's passing, Mum immigrated to New York to reside with her son Livingston Simpson.

Mum became ill a few years ago and was admitted to a Nursing Facility. After several hospitalizations, she passed away on December 31, 2021. Being a bright spark in the world she will be greatly missed by many.

Nerissa was predeceased by her husband Mr. H Cole and her brother Tony. Family members who remain are Livingston Simpson (son), brothers Andrew Beckford, Noah Beckford, Lamb Beckford, and George Beckford; grandchildren Jason Simpson and Grace-Ann Simpson; great grandchildren Omari and Sunray; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

You never said I'm leaving you never said goodbye you were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why. A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone could have saved you you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place that no one could ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God took you home.

Order of Service

Officiating Minister

Prayer/Welcome

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Mr. Tyrese Simpson

Congregational Hymn

“When We All Get To Heaven”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57
Mr. Karl King

Soloist

Sara Gouldbourne

Tribute

Open to Family and Friends

Obituary

Soloist

Sara Gouldbourne

Sermon

Prayer for Family

Final Viewing

Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I
thank God because He came for me.
-Emily Dickinson*

Acknowledgments

The family of Nerissa Beckford would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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