

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Molsey Francis Coaxum*

**Sunrise:**  
**October 21, 1928**

**Sunset:**  
**January 26, 2022**

**Friday, February 11, 2022**  
**Viewing: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**Service: 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

### **Bethany Baptist Church**

303 West 153rd Street, New York, NY 10039

**Rev. Quinton Chad Foster**

**Officiant: Rev. Dr. Shane Hilliard, Pastor**

*St. Luke Baptist Church, 103 Morningside Ave., New York, NY 10027*

# Obituary

**Molsey Francis Coaxum** was born on October 21, 1928, to the late Ruben and Francis Weathers, in Charleston, South Carolina. Molsey learned all her southern hospitality and charm in Buck Hall, SC. She was proud of her family's legacy/heritage and the foundations they set forth in the county of Charleston like a general store, and a church. As a young child, Molsey attended Greater Howard AME Church in South Carolina, and she continued her Christian journey and received the Lord, joining Bethel AME Church in the village of Harlem.

Molsey met and married the love of her life, Isiah Coaxum. It all began with a kiss and a promise. He promised when he returned from the Army he would marry her. Molsey being so in love and devoted to Isiah valued those words and the promise was kept. They were united in Holy Matrimony on November 2, 1952.

Molsey was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother and friend. Caring for her husband and children became her life's devotion. She poured her love into everything she did for her family. Molsey was known for her "food for the soul." Her cooking settled many of the Coaxum feuds. The dinner table was when she and her husband taught family lessons and the importance of togetherness no matter how rough the times. Molsey made each of her twelve children feel like her favorite child. She gave a lifetime of love to her family and all that knew her.

Molsey fed and cared for many. She was a part of the "Stoop Parents" (referring to the parents that sat in the front of the building). Mrs. Coaxum's love spilled over into the community and these ladies governed the children who had working parents. There was no such thing as "The Latch Key Kid" in those days. You were "their children" until their parents came home from work. Mrs. Coaxum had so many extended children and grandchildren. She was a woman from the old school who believed in the village raising children. Your children were her children too.

*Molsey left us fond memories:*

She had a love for music and liked to share her stories of how she along with her sisters and brothers used to tear up the dance floor at the "Juke Joint" that the family owned.

And if you called her on the telephone; she always said, "I may not call you all the time, but you are always in my heart."

If you visited the house she would always say, "I was just thinking about you, I'm not lying." In departing she would always say, "See you later Alligator" and then chuckle if you knew the response.

And if you said something happened that was unbelievable, her response was always "Lordy Miss Claudie."

The kitchen window became her favorite spot in the house because it allowed her to see the playground and make sure all of her children, grandchildren, and extended children were safe. Mrs. Coaxum was known for her southern twang. The pronunciation of many names and words were unique, but you knew who she was talking to or about.

Molsey was preceded in death by husband, Isiah Coaxum; her four sons, Gerald, Harris, Mark and Isaiah; and one daughter, Mary. Molsey transitioned to her new heavenly home on January 26, 2022 at the tender age of 93. What a legacy she leaves.

Molsey leaves to cherish her memory: her loving children, four sons, Griffen, Alec, Ronald, and Sheldon; three daughters, Rachel, Ethel, and Cynthia; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews and nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

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Officiant: Reverend Dr. Shane Hilliard

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister John Laguer  
Old Testament.....Reverend Keith Dennis  
New Testament.....Deacon Richard Hargrove  
Soloist/Musician.....Reverend Tyrone Richardson  
Resolution/Acknowledgements.....Minister Monique White  
Obituary.....Deacon Marva Horsey  
Soloist.....Sister Tisha Hunter-Reeves  
Eulogist.....Reverend Dr. Shane Hillard  
Recessional  
Benediction

## **INTERMENT:**

*Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 11AM*  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

## **REPAST:**

Immediately following the service at:  
South Bronx Kids Dance Studio  
234 Cypress Avenue (Between 137th and 138th Streets)  
Bronx, New York 10454



## *A Silent Tear*

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really there inside your mind  
Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear  
Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all as "up above".

**Author: Gaynor Llewellyn**

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of Molsey Francis Coaxum would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for your comforting words and genuine acts of kindness during our greatest sadness. We thank you for your thoughtfulness and will contact you at a later date.*

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