



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!

Pallbearers

Clement Bowen • Wayne Bowen • Charlton Bowen
 Ryan Bowen • Afewerk Bowen • Khari Bowen
 Sean Bowen • David Wilson

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mirl Bowen would like to express
 our heartfelt gratitude for all of the love and
 support extended during this time of sorrow.

With special thanks from, The Bowen family

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In Loving Memory of ***Mirnel Ametrie Bowen*** *"Mirl"*

Sunrise **Sunset**
April 12, 1941 **February 6, 2022**



Service

Thursday, February 17, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

Lebanon Seventh Day Adventist Church
 131-72 223rd Street • Laurelton, New York 11413

Order of Service

ProcessionalFamily
Opening Song..... Hymn 181 - “Does Jesus Care?”
Scripture - Psalm 23..... Althea Bowen
Prayer Ryan Bowen
Special Music..... “Precious Lord” - Amber Bowen
TributesMelody Ndhlovu
Sean Bowen
Khari Bowen
Marie Bowen
Scripture - Proverbs 31: 25-31Khari Bowen
Obituary Silently Read
Special Music..... “This Too Shall Pass” - Amber Bowen
Eulogy Clement Bowen
SermonPastor Garnet M. Morris
Closing Song..... “Amazing Grace”
BenedictionPastor Garnet M. Morris

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Repast

Please join us at 4:00 p.m. at
Spices Negril Restaurant & Lounge
1084 Grand Avenue
Hempstead, New York 11550

Reflections of Life

A strong, loving, hard-working woman, **Mirnel Ametrie “Miss Mirl” Blake** was born in Hanover, Jamaica on April 12, 1941, to Eulalee Samuels and Stainton Mathias Blake. Mirl was raised by her grandmother, “Mami”, in Hopewell, Hanover.

Coming from a humble background, Mirl started working at a very young age, and trained to be a hairdresser. She met and later married Alvin Leman Bowen, and through this union they became proud parents of three children: Clement, Charlton, and Afewerk. The family opened their own business, a paint store, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. After great success, they moved into their dream home in Montego Hills, and expanded their business to include owning a supermarket and gas station in Hanover and St. James. Mirl was a “giver” and always extended a helping hand to those in need by using her special hidden “stash” to help others.

In 1977, Mirl immigrated to the United States to build a new life. One of her dear friends, Zena Freeman, helped her find work and adapt to life in America. Her sons later immigrated to help her build the American dream. She worked as a health care attendant for many years until her retirement. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, watching “What’s Love Got To Do with It” and “Judge Mathis”, and doing crossword puzzles.

Mirl was preceded in death by her parents Stainton Blake and Eulalee Samuels; and her husband Alvin Bowen.

Those left to cherish her memory are: three sons, Clement (Maureen) Bowen of Monroe, NJ; Charlton (Althea) Bowen of Hockessin, DE; and Afewerk (Marie) Bowen of Tampa, FL; five grandsons: Andre (Tamara) Bowen of London, England; Sean (Amber) Bowen of Fort Mill, SC; Wayne Bowen of Tampa, FL; Ryan (Alexis) Bowen of Fairfax, VA; and Khari Bowen of Queens, NY; three great-grand children: Amon Bowen, Orisha Bowen, and Aiden Bowen; a niece, Tanya Blake; special friends to the family: Ms. Zena Freeman and Ms. Daphne Smith; and countless family and friends whose lives she touched along the way.

Mirl will be in our hearts, and we will follow her example to always help those in need.

