

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Magdalene Irwing*

*February 13, 1923 - October 13, 2022*



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022**  
**VIEWING 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**  
**SERVICE 7:00 P.M.**

**The International Gospel  
Church of Christ Ministry**  
957 East Gunhill Road • Bronx, NY 10469  
*Bishop Orville Wright, Sr., Officiating*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022**  
**DEVOTION 8:30 A.M.**

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**  
725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

**ENTOMBMENT**  
Laurel Grove Cemetery  
Totowa, NJ

**PALLBEARERS**  
Roderick Lewis (Grandson)  
Erica Lewis-Hynes (Granddaughter)  
Mark Anthony Lewis (Great-Grandson)  
Carol Saunders (Granddaughter)  
Marica Plummer (Granddaughter)  
Kenroy Nelson (Grandson)

**Service Information**

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Invocation/Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

    Psalm 27 ..... Jessica Lewis (Great-granddaughter)

New Testament

    Revelation 21: 1-7 ..... Cheryl Lewis (Granddaughter-in- Law)

Selection..... IGCOC Mass Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Obituary ..... Marica Plummer (Granddaughter)

Congregational Hymn

Special Tribute..... Pastor Kenroy Nelson (Grandson)

Reflections & Tributes

Offering

Selection..... Sis Sylvia (Friend)

Sermon ..... Bishop Orville Wright Sr.

Final Instructions..... Eternity Funeral Services Directors

Recessional Hymn

Benediction



# Obituary

**Magdalene Irwing** nee Hunter affectionately called Mama, Aunt Magzie, Miss Magzie, Mada Irwing was born on February 13, 1923 in St. Elizabeth to parents Alexander Hunter and Georgina Brown. She was the last of three girls born to her parents and grew up with her sisters, Myrtle and Dora in the communities of Elgin and Stanmore. She went to St. Alban School. She had two biological children, Mavis and Sylvester Whyte and later moved to Manchester where she lived in May Day. She met Daniel Irwing at age 23, she married him & they remained married for 58 years until his passing in 2005.

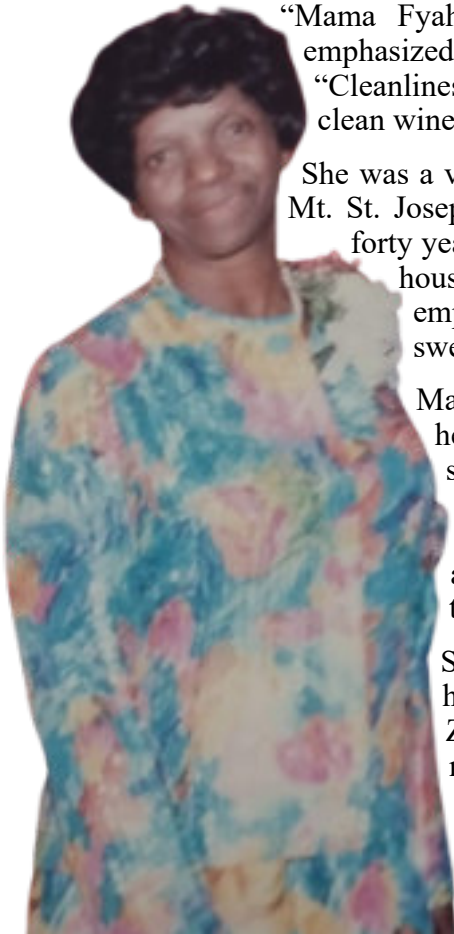
She loved children, and was a foster mother to many children including her niece Valerie, nephew G, Jennifer, Carol, Mary, Olivene, Rose and a host of other children. She also hosted family and friends' children at her home including her grandnieces Sandra and Doreth.

She was a strong disciplinarian, a no-nonsense person who emphasized discipline and instilled good manners in children; this gave her the name "Mama Fyah". She kept a very clean house and emphasized cleanliness with sayings like: "Cleanliness is next to godliness" and "yuh cyan put clean wine in a dutty vessel".

She was a very hard-working woman who worked at Mt. St. Joseph Preparatory and High school for over forty years where she sold in the cafeteria and did housekeeping. She was well loved by her employers. She also farmed, and planted sweet potatoes even up to her early 90's.

Magdalene instilled the value of hard work in her children. She knew the importance of saving and encouraged her children to save with sayings like: "one cocoa full basket", "It's not what yuh earn, is what yuh save" and "Mother have, father have, happy is the child that have his own".

She was a minister and had a church next to her home in May Day called St. Paul AME Zion. She was well loved by her church members and had very memorable watch night services with fruits like oranges, tangerine and grapefruit hanging from the ceiling and lots of food.



Mama loved God. She was a praying woman and could always be heard calling people's name to God. She also loved to read the Psalms, especially Psalm 27. She loved to play the drum and sing songs like "There is a Fountain filled with blood", "Pass me not oh gentle Saviour" and "Leave Babylon". She went on a lot of church trips and when reached Spur Tree Hill in particular she would sing "Guide me oh thou great Jehovah".

Mama enjoyed socializing with people and encouraging them. Her best friend and church member who predeceased her was Ellen Chambers, affectionately called Sis. Chambers. Sis. Wallace and Bro. Neville Law were her very good friends also. She was well respected by community members and is remembered for having an inviting smile and warm welcome. She helped many people in her community, Magdalene served as a mediator and peace maker when people had disputes. She also supported community members when they had deaths in their family and would go to play the drum and sing at their wakes.

She was a very lively person who loved music and dancing for the Lord. She enjoyed when people prepared well cooked meals for her. Mama valued milestones and special holidays and you could always look forward to receiving cards from her every Christmas, birthdays, and special milestones like graduation.

She migrated to the U.S. in the 1980s where she went back to school to study to become a nurse's aide. She lived and worked in the U.S. for many years. She returned to Jamaica when her husband became ill to take care of him. A few years after his death, she returned to America to live with her beloved daughter Mavis. She went to church regularly until she was no longer able. Approximately a year and a half ago, she became very ill and she was well taken care of by her daughter Mavis, Erica and Shareece. She went to rest on October 13, 2022.

Mama is survived by her dear daughter Mavis, grandson Roderick and his wife Cheryl, great grandchildren Roderick, Mark and Jessica and three great great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her nieces Moreen & Elma, nephew Maurice, other relatives, her many foster children and their children, including Erica, Kenroy, Devolyn, Rachea, Marvin, Marica, Samantha, Akeem and Luke, many other great and great great grandchildren. She will be missed by all her family, friends, church brothers and sisters and May Day community members who loved her dearly. Sleep in peace, Mama.

# Precious Memories







## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Magdalene Irwing** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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