

Celebrating the Life of
Sara Martin-Young

Sunrise
October 26, 1931

Sunset
October 22, 2022



Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 10am

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Obituary

Sara Martin-Young was born on October 26, 1931, to Jesse Martin and Gladys Martin (née Hughes) in the Albany suburb of Coeymans, New York. Sara was the second of their six children: Virgia, Jesse, Yancey, Carol and Carlton (twins), and Horace. The Martin family was fortunate to spend Sara's early formative years away from the hustle and bustle of New York City and in the company of loved ones in and around the state capitol.

Years later, the family would relocate to New York City's historic East Harlem neighborhood. There Sara attended Junior High School 159, and then began her studies at the famed Washington Irving High School in downtown Manhattan. After graduating with her diploma in 1949, Sara entered the world of work. Amidst all the hope and promise of 1950s New York City, Sara met and wed Aston S. Young, Sr., also of New York. The couple married and soon gave birth to son, Aston Young, Jr., who preceded her in death.

Sara's love of education was a recurring theme throughout her life. It was a value she imputed to her family and all with whom she enjoyed a connection. She earned a bachelor's degree from prestigious Hunter College, and then returned to school years later to earn a master's degree. Sara balanced the responsibilities of family, career, and personal improvement with grace and panache. She always exuded a classic elegance and distinctive style.

Ever the Bronx girl, she also harbored a deep affection for the New York Yankees. She was a season ticket holder and proud fan of the team that played walking distance from her home on Tinton Avenue in the South Bronx. Sara and her mother would have hours-long phone conversations during games, as they watched from home talking about pitches, players, and strategy.

Sara was also an advocate for the development of strong communities. For many years, until her retirement, she worked as a Housing Manager for the New York City Housing Administration (NYCHA). Sara was on the front lines working with families to address and resolve issues. She put her money where her mouth was. She was also an early supporter of Jackie Robinson's Freedom National Bank. Sara strongly supported the work of community organizers and activists throughout the city for many decades. Her work was the quiet, dedicated and daily work that constitutes the glue of family and community.

As Sara continued to learn life's many lessons, she grew within the spiritual communities in the Bronx. For many years, she attended Christ Church at 860 Forest Avenue in the Bronx. The church was then under the inspired leadership of Reverend Wendell Foster (the first Black person elected to the New York City council in the Bronx). Ms. Martin-Young was a respected member of the church community known for her charity and commitment to visit and tend to the sick and shut in. For the past several decades, Sara was a member and church mother of The Church of His Enduring Grace. Within this community, Sara found a vehicle for the expression of her faith. Sara was grounded in a strong faith in God and his Son, her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She is remembered lovingly by her family as "Gammy." She is survived by her grandson, Jamal, his wife, Ji; her great-grandchildren, Jasiri and Jade; daughter-in-law, Gwen Brown Young; nieces, nephews, relatives, and church family.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in
heaven, Hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it
is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us
from evil: For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever. Amen.

Acknowledgement

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