



## Mother

A mother means so much to a child in need of love  
 I thank you for being all of what I needed  
 Beautiful like a morning dove  
 A mother is always there when she's needed and  
 can't be replaced  
 That's who you are,  
 and I will miss your smiling face  
 My mother is someone who not only gave me life  
 But she fought all my battles with me and my  
 continued strife  
 I am happy she's getting her rest  
 She's given her best  
 God saw my mother getting tired  
 And she passed the test  
 To return home  
 Oh, what a blessed day  
 Rejoicing for my mother's calling  
 Although I wished she could stay  
 But saying goodbye isn't forever  
 I know I will see my mother again one day

*Written by, Shannell G. Griggs*

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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## Celebration of Life for



*Christine Manuel*

*"Cookie" "Chris"*

Sunrise:  
 August 25, 1946

Sunset:  
 February 12, 2024

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 12:00 Noon**

**Mt Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church**

163 Autumn Street, Passaic, NJ 07055

Rev. Pamela D. Sallie, Officiating

Dr. Mark Exum, Organist



## *Reflections of Life*

Christine Manuel, affectionately called “Chris”, or “Cookie” by family members and friends, was born on August 24, 1946 to the late Barbara Lee (Davis) Gilbert and Roosevelt Perry.

She attended "Cochran Colored High School" from 1955-1961. It was there, while in high school that she met Samuel Lee Manuel Sr. (Willie James). Christine and Samuel then had their first child; Samuel Lee Manuel, Jr. Shortly after, in 1964, the three relocated from Georgia to Passaic, New Jersey.

Christine was employed for Varnados until she decided to become a full-time mother to her beautiful children.

In 1980 Christine attended Mary Baker School to become a Certified Nurses Assistant. She later began working for Mary Baker's Agency as a private-duty Patient Care Nurse. Christine then began working at Beth Israel Hospital Passaic and then St. Mary's Hospital before retiring in 2015.

Some of Chris’ favorite things were traveling, holidays, dancing, singing, cooking (her best dish was her famous collard greens) watching her Soap Operas, Game Shows and her favorite show, the Big Bang Theory. She found joy in helping others in any way she could.

Christine was a member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for three decades where she served as Treasurer of the Women's Circle. She loved attending church service every Sunday morning.

Christine, “Chris”, “Cookie”, our beautiful amazing, cherished, mother, grandmother and sister went through the open gates of heaven peacefully to be with the Lord on Monday, February 12, 2024 and departed this life.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Samuel Lee Manuel, Sr.; her son, Samuel Lee Manuel, Jr.; her parents, Bobbie Lee Davis Gilbert and Roosevelt; her sister, Lusia Gilbert and her brother, Johnnie Davis.

Christine leaves to cherish precious memories three sons; Garette Manuel, Terrence B. Manuel, Ronald D. Manuel and one daughter; Catina Manuel, thirteen grandchildren; Samuel K. Manuel, Jr., Angelina, Shakiea, Jennifer, Jihad, Sidney, Naim, Xiara, Shanqua, Terrence, Randeem, DaShaun, Quanisha, twenty-four great grandchildren; nephews; Evans (Peewee) and Haskell R. Gilbert (Buddy). She is also survived by a host of nieces, close cousins and friends; Johnnie Mae Manuel, Thelma Sanders, Evan Holmes and Betty.

## *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Dr. Mark Exum

OPENING HYMN ..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

The New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT

THE WORDS OF COMFORT

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS and RESOLUTIONS

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EULOGY ..... Rev. Pamela D. Sallie, Pastor  
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church  
Passaic, NJ

RECESSIONAL ..... the family

Interment  
East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Avenue  
Clifton, NJ 07014