

*To Those I Love and  
Those Who Love Me*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

*Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Gertrude M. Blake-Green*

*Sunrise  
October 21, 1929*

*Sunset  
September 23, 2010*

*Friday, October 1, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

*Elder Kenneth Blake, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Gertrude Martha Green**, a long time resident of Harlem, New York, died on Thursday the 23rd of September, at North Central Bronx Hospital.

Born on October 21, 1929 to John and Bessie Blake, Gertrude was the fourth of seven children. She attended Wadleigh High School in Harlem, where she excelled academically and was selected valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduation, Gertrude accepted a position as an operator with The New York Telephone Company. Her dedication to her work earned her fast promotions. She quickly became a supervisor and remained with the company until her retirement in the mid-eighties.

Gertrude did have many hobbies, but she did enjoy her pastimes to the fullest. Her favorites were watching old movie classics. The Water Front starring Marlon Brando was the one movie she talked about for years. Gertrude also enjoyed the tap dancing talents of the Nicholas Brothers and fine foods.

Friends and family remember Gertrude as a loving mother and loyal friend who over the years opened her heart and home to many. She will be sorely missed.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Green, her sisters, Eleanor Hannibal, Bessie Blake, Bernice Blake and brother, Charles Blake.

Left to mourn her passing are: her loving daughters, Eleanor Blake and Adrienne Skidmore; sisters, Edith Edwards and Mercedes Dunbar; brother-in-law, Solomon Dunbar; nephews, Robert Blake, Daniel Blake, Kenneth Blake and Teddy Dunbar; niece, Theresa Dunbar-Sessoms; and long time friend, John McClean. Gertrude will also remain in the hearts of a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Daughter Eleanor would like to extend a personal note of appreciation and gratitude to Sonjia Newkirk, Margaret Holder and Ella Smythe-Brown. Their words of faith and encouragement, unwavering emotional support along with their countless visits to her mother's hospital bedside brought immeasurable comfort. These wonderful ladies will forevermore hold a special place in her heart.

## Order of Service

Procession

Selection ..... *"When We All Get To Heaven"*

Prayer ..... Sonya Jones

Scriptures ..... Ella Smythe-Brown

Old Testament - Psalm 91

New Testament - Hebrews 13

Solo ..... *"We Shall Wear A Crown"*

Ella Smythe-Brown

Acknowledgement

& Condolences ..... Regina Smith-Laviola

Obituary ..... Theresa Dunbar-Sessoms

Selection ..... *"Touch The Hem of His Garment"*

Anthony Sessoms

The Eulogy ..... Elder Kenneth Blake

Committal & Benediction ..... Elder Kenneth Blake

Solo ..... *"My Tribute"*

Ella Smythe-Brown

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment ..... Mt. Holiness Cemetery • Butler, NJ