

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, curly grey hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark, textured top and a necklace. A large, vibrant pink rose is positioned in the foreground, partially overlapping her face and hand. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage.

*In Loving Memory of*

*Willie Lou Davis*

*Sunrise*  
*February 12, 1951*

*Sunset*  
*June 26, 2011*

*Service*  
Saturday, July 2, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

*Rev. Edward D. Perry, Officiating*

## Obituary

On June 26, 2011, God called **Ms. Willie Lou Davis** home. She departed this life in Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn, NY.

She was born on February 12, 1951 to Golder and Willie F. Bethea. She joined Bowling Green United Methodist Church in Dillon, SC at an early age. She attended Gordon High School in Dillon, SC and was a member of the graduating class of 1969. After graduating High School, she moved to Brooklyn, NY and became employed at the State Insurance Fund for several years. In 1971, she married Leon Davis and from that union they had two sons. They raised their sons in Cambria Heights, New York. She was a devoted and hard working employee at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center. In 2006, after thirty-six years of civil service employment, she retired from Creedmoor Psychiatric Center and moved back to Brooklyn, NY.

Her brother, Lawrence Smith and her father, Willie F. Bethea preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her mother, Golder Bethea of Edenton, NC; two sons, Felipe Davis of Brooklyn, NY and Antoine Davis of Baldwin, NY; two sisters, Ruthie Gray and Betty Lyles both of Brooklyn, NY; two daughters-in-law, Shakim Davis and Michele Bennett-Davis; two brothers-in-law, Jesse Lyles and Delmont Gray; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

*We all love you  
But God loves you more*

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Solo ..... Elizabeth Johnson

Prayer ..... Minister Cynthia Brown

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 23:1-6 ..... Minister Cynthia Brown

New Testament John 14:1-6 ..... Reverend Edward D. Perry

Remarks ..... Cornelius Stevens

Acknowledgements ..... Diane Little

Reflections (*limit 2 minutes*)

Reading of Obituary ..... Diane Little

Solo ..... Ralph Lyles

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Edward D. Perry

Benediction ..... Reverend Edward D. Perry

Recessional ..... Roy L. Gilmore's Funeral Home, Inc.

**Interment**

Springfield Cemetery

Springfield Gardens, New York



## *Mothers Never Really Die*

*They Just Keep House Up In The Sky*

*Death beckoned her with outstretched hand  
And whispered softly of "An Unknown Land"*

*But she was not afraid to go*

*For though the path she did not know,*

*She took Death's Hand without a fear,*

*For He who safely brought her here*

*Had told her He would lead the way*

*Into Eternity's Bright Day....*

*And so she did not go alone*

*Into the "Valley That's Unknown"*

*And there, with step so light and gay,*

*She polishes the sun by day*

*And lights the stars that shine at night*

*And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright...*

*For Mothers really never die,*

*They just "Keep House Up In The Sky"...*

*And in the Heavenly Home Above*

*They wait to "welcome" those they love.*

***And the world passeth away...but he***

***That doeth the will of God abideth for ever.***

***1 John 2:17***

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their  
family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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