

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Catherine Winston, is the central focus. She has short, dark, curly hair and is wearing a patterned blazer over a white collared shirt. To her right, two large, white calla lilies are in bloom, their petals glowing with a soft light. The background is a dark, warm-toned gradient.

A Celebration of Life for
Catherine Winston

Sunrise
December 28, 1942

Sunset
September 2, 2011

Service

Thursday, September 8, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

GREATER EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

325 East 118th Street
New York, New York

Rev. Marjorie J. Gooden, Pastor
Rev. Dr. T.T. Gooden Jr., Pastor of Emeritus

Obituary

Catherine Winston was born on December 28, 1942 at Harlem Hospital in NYC, to the late Lucious and Miriam Watkins. Catherine was the last born out of eight children who all preceded her in death.

Catherine was born and raised in Harlem. She began her education at Public School 5 and completed at Commerce High School where she graduated. She met and married James D. Williams and out of this union they had three children. She later met and married her soul mate Richard Winston; out of this union they had three children. Together they raised their children in the greater New York City area.

Catherine worked at Saks, and also as a Home Health Aide until she later decided to stay at home and be a Homemaker.

Many knew Catherine as “Mrs. Kitty” or “Nana”. Anyone who knew her; knew that she never hesitated to help anyone in need. She loved to have a good time with her family and friends. Her home was always filled with love for all who came. Mrs. Kitty lived a full and happy life and Atlantic City was her favorite place. She truly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. All would sincerely miss her.

She leaves to cherish her loving and fond memories: her devoted husband and soul mate, Mr. Richard E. Winston; six children, Christine Gilyard, Tyrone Williams, Cynthia Williams, Cassandra Winston, Carol Glenn and Anthony Watkins; three sons-in-law, Victor Gilyard, Sr., Roosevelt Glenn Jr. and William Crafton; two daughters-in-law, Shelly Williams and Lageana Watkins; one Godson, Ernest Adams; eighteen grandchildren, Denise, Lonnie (Chris), Clarence (Man Man), Donte, Victor (Doodah), Demesha, Richard, Shakira, Cierra (Smunch), Johnny, Corey, Caress (Letla), Crystal, Cypress (Cyp Dog), Giovann, Gianni, Steve and Autumn (Auty); one grandson-in-law, Mark; one granddaughter-in-law, J’aime; ten great grandchildren, Lou’, Asia, Denasia, Chauncey, A’vion, Tyla (Ming Ling), Zi’Air, Marquis, Jalise (Sweet Pea), Jordan (Tum Tum) and Malakhi (Matlock); three brothers-in-law, Frank Winston, William Moody and James Scott; three sisters-in-law, Yvonne Winston, Gloria Watkins and Mary Hatcher; one God brother, Wesley Poindexter; one cousin, Barbara Wilson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection Greater Emmanuel Baptist Church

Solo Yvette Davis

Acknowledgements Johnny Drayton III

Remarks Family and Friends (two minutes)

Obituary Corey Glenn

Solo Yvette Davis

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I to will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now - He set me free*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Catherine Winston** would like to express their thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and other acts of kindness to everyone that reached out in our time of need.

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