

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with glasses and large hoop earrings, looking slightly to the right. A large, light pink rose is positioned in the foreground, partially overlapping her face. The background is a soft-focus green and white.

*In Loving Memory of*

*Octavia Palmer*

*Sunrise*  
*August 18, 1952*

*Sunset*  
*September 3, 2011*

Service

Friday, September 9, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

## *Obituary*

**Octavia Thea Palmer** was born in Jacksonville, Florida on August 18, 1952 to the parents of John Andrew Palmer and Zylphia Palmer. Octavia and oldest brother traveled to New York to be with their grandmother where their mother later joined them. As a child she traveled back and forth to Chicago, Florida and the big apple which she made her home up until September 3, 2011.

She attended Jane Adams High School when it was then an all girl school for nursing. That was her goal. Her life took a turn and she gave birth to her daughter, Tiease Palmer.

Older family members called her “Sista”. Ms. Octavia was sufficient enough.

Octavia was a giving loving person that everyone enjoyed and loved and she loved everybody. She loved to dress well and smell good and she never left home without her shades. LoL

She would do anything for or give anything to anyone. She was non-judgmental. She was funny. You never knew what she would say or do at any given moment.

She loved her siblings and family as a whole. Sista loved to take care of the elderly. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Octavia knew her struggles of life were coming to an end and was not afraid to meet her maker. She fought a noble fight until God said, “Octavia it’s time to go home.” She will be missed.

She leaves behind: her mother, Zylphia Palmer and father, John Andrew Palmer; her daughter, Tiease Palmer; three sisters, Darlene Palmer, Stephanie Palmer-Davis and Lisa Palmer; one sister-in-law, Arlene Palmer; three brothers, Sherdrick Palmer, Levi Palmer and Josh Palmer; one brother-in-law, Richard “Ricky” Davis; six nieces, Monique Palmer, Precious Palmer, Chastity Palmer, April Palmer-Davis, Crystal Palmer and Christina Palmer; one nephew, Aaron Palmer; one grand nephew, Kevin “Palmer” Gilbert; one grand niece, Kemora “Palmer” Dailey; and a host of family and friends.

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Processional ..... (organist playing and singing)

Selection ..... (organist playing singing)

Prayer

Scripture

New Testament Psalm Chapter 90 Verse 9-12

Old Testament 1st Con. Chapter 15 Verse 50-57

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Obituary

Selection ..... Ms. L. Young

Eulogy ..... Pastor Cradle

Selection ..... Nakia White -Bishop

Viewing ..... (organist playing and singing)

Recessional

**Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey



## *"I'm Home Now"*

You knew I was in pain.  
You knew there was a chance I would never  
Get well on earth again.

My road was getting rougher.  
And the hills were harder to climb.  
I always told you one day this would come.  
I was not afraid, for God's  
angels comforted me.

When the end was near I was ready to go. I  
couldn't leave until I heard the angels say,  
"Octavia come get rest your time here is  
done." So don't weep too much for me for  
my spirit is free.

When you look upon me I don't want you  
to be sad cause my spirit has passed to a  
place of peace and rest in God's land. Re-  
member the times we had: the good, bad, happy and sad. Don't  
let your mind wonder to "what if" land. I know I was loved. I did  
the best to be a good mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and  
friend. Take all the love I have left behind and place it in your  
hearts. I have to go now there is so much to see. Remember I will  
always love you; my family and friends.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation  
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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