

*Celebration of Life  
In Memory of  
Kathleen Stukes*



*Sunrise*  
*December 11, 1949*

*Sunset*  
*September 20, 2011*

*Service*

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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*Superintendent Jay Gooding, Officiating  
Prof. Charles Minor, Organist*

## Obituary

**Kathleen** was born on December 11, 1949 in Brooklyn, New York, to Helen Coaxum and William Eugene Coaxum. She departed this life on September 20, 2011 at North Shore University Hospital after an extensive period of illness.

Kathleen was educated in the New York City Public Schools System. She graduated from Andrew Jackson H.S., and began a civil service career. She dedicated a number of years working in the Veterans' Hospitals in NYC and Jamaica, Queens, New York. She was a loyal and committed worker, who loved looking to the needs of others. Her jubilant personality brought joy and happiness to all the patients and co-workers that she came in contact with.

Kathleen was reared in a Christian home by God-fearing parents, who loved the Lord. She received her Christian training at The Holy Trinity Church of God In Christ, under the pastorate of the late Bishop Frank E. Cook, of Brooklyn, NY. She was a member of the Junior Usher Board, Sunshine Band, Glee Club, Purity Class and Sunday School. In 1965, Kathleen's parents moved the family to Hollis, Queens, New York, and they began attending Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, under the pastorate of the late Bishop Roderick Caesar, Sr. She later attended Mt. Moriah Church Of God In Christ in Brooklyn, NY where Rev. Jerry West, Sr. is the pastor, and was faithful until her demise.

Kathleen's family was her greatest joy. God blessed her to have two sons, Nathan and Bobby, and one daughter, Victoria. She and her devoted husband, John, were united in holy matrimony in 1985, and he was a wonderful support and provider for their home. Kathleen loved family gatherings, and was especially noted for her "potato salad". She had a contagious lively laugh that would inject a burst of jubilation into every event. Her soft-spoken, caring demeanor was comforting to both family and friends. She will be greatly missed, but her sweet spirit will live on in our memories.

Kathleen leaves to cherish her memory: a loving husband, John; two sons, Nathan Cadogan, and Bobby Cadogan, both of Jamaica, NY, and one step-son, Corry Jason Stukes of Sumter, SC; one daughter, Victoria Emma Stukes of Far Rockaway, NY, and one step-daughter, LaShawn Monique Stukes, of Luynchburg, SC; one daughter-in-law, Jovan Cadogan, of Jamaica, NY; one grand-daughter, Cora Malinda; three sisters, Delores Williams of Greensboro, NC, Betty West of Freeport, NY, and Helen Washington, of LA; two brothers, William Coaxum, Jr. of Jamaica, NY, and Bernard Birtha of Queens, NY; four brothers-in-law, Rev. Danny McGhaney, Sumter, SC; Rev. James Stukes, of Manning, SC, Command Sergeant Major Clarence Stukes, of Columbia, SC, and Rev. Dr. Jerry West, Sr. of Freeport, NY; six sisters-in-law, Carla Coaxum, of Jamaica, NY, Deloris Harper of Sumter, SC, Deaconess Eartha Lee McGhaney, of Sumter, SC, Rev. Sandra Ann Simmons, of Sumter, SC, Barbara Jean Stukes of Manning, SC, and Margie Ann Stukes, of Columbia, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family of Mt. Moriah COGIC, and a host of good friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude ..... Prof. Charles Minor

Processional ..... Clergy and Family  
Superintendent Jay Gooding

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Ronald Ferguson

Scripture ..... Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-9  
New Testament - II Corinthians 5:1-4

Hymn of Consolation ..... “It Is Well With My Soul”

Expressions

Selection ..... Rev. Sandra Ann Simmons

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Selection ..... Pastor Cedric Wooten

Family Tributes

Obituary ..... Rev. Phyllis R. Alford

Selection

Eulogy ..... Superintendent Jay Gooding

Benediction

Recessional

**Interment**

Pinelawn Memorial Park  
Farmingdale, New York

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid 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 found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-Respectfully submitted, The Family*

## *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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