

Celebrating The Life of



Clarissa Diggs

*Sunrise*  
*October 29, 1914*

*Sunset*  
*August 13, 2012*

*Service*

*Tuesday, August 21, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Calvin Sampson, Officiating*

*Loretta Reid, Organist*

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*Clarissa Diggs was born on October 29, 1914 to the union of William McDonald and Lula Dupree McDonald in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Clarissa was the third of eleven children; seven sisters and four brothers.*

*Her surviving sister, Louise McDonald Melvin resides in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both parents and spouse preceded her in death.*

*Clarissa met Claude Diggs in Washington, D.C. and they married in 1940 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, later moving to their lifetime home in New York City. To this union three children were born, Claude Diggs Jr., Carl Diggs who preceded her in death and Clement T. Diggs.*

*Clarissa was employed by Griffin Wellpoint Sysytems until her retirement. Clarissa enjoyed her family and following her oldest sister's idea, relocated her remaining sisters to New York, later introducing them to their respective spouses.*

*One of her greatest pleasures was bringing the family together and cooking for the holidays with all gathered around her table. Her favorite baking dish was chocolate cake and banana pudding. Neighbors and friends were all welcomed. She was the caretaker and corner stone that bridged all the family generations.*

*After enjoying a visit with her son Terry, Clarissa retired for the night and was called home on August 13, 2012 by God, to share a special birthday celebration, with her loving departed husband "Diggs". Now Clarissa and "Diggs" have been united under the loving eyes of the Lord.*

*She leaves to cherish her loving memory: two sons, Claude Diggs Jr. and his wife Toni Diggs of Virginia Beach, VA, and Clement T. Diggs and Carolyn Vincent-Diggs of Bronx, NY; five grandchildren, LaSarah Diggs, Crystal Hawkins-Diggs, Claude Diggs III, Nijha Diggs and Andre Diggs; one great-grandchild, Braxton Hawkins-Langley; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a host of lifelong friends.*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the  
Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.*

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all  
things right if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and  
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Clarissa Diggs wishes to express our love, our thanks, our blessings to all persons who have offered their support to our family during our time of bereavement. Your visits, calls, cards, thoughtfulness and prayers have helped to strengthen and encouraged us. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date .*



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