

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

<u>Obituary</u>

Gloria Jean Venable was born on October 5, 1949 to the late Charlotte and Theophilus Paige at Sydenham Hospital of New York. She attended elementary school at P.S. 170 and attended Wadleigh Jr. High School where she realized she wanted to become a nurse. In the pursuit of her nursing career she attended Julia Richmond High School, where she received a nursing diploma. She went on to Harlem Hospital Nurses program where she received her Registered Nurse Degree. Gloria was so dedicated to her nursing career that she volunteered much of her time with the Blood Bank of New York and taught first aid.

Gloria has worked for many companies Lifespire, FEGS, Episcopal Mission Society and continued her career in nursing working at Independent Living Association, Inc.

Gloria met and married Mark Venable on May 25, 1991. After marriage she brought her husband, Mark to Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church where they both became Deacon and Deaconess. Gloria participated in many ministries: Deaconess, UZA, Usher, Choir, Scholarship Fund and Nursing where she held the presidency until she became ill.

Her son, Samuel "Ronell" Coleman, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, Mark Venable; her daughter, Nigeri; her six grandchildren, Muhammed, Unique, Kashief, Jahmier, Jamal and Jamel; two great-grandchildren with one on the way; her brother, Gene Paige Sr. (Annie); a sister, Jeannie Baker; a sister-in-law, Debra Venable; two brothers-in-law, Howard and Louis Venable; godchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews and nieces, cousins, family and friends.

"She loved her church and she was faithful to her calling"

Order of Service

Presider	Pastor Roland T. Smith
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Frank J. Blackshear
Solo	Bro. Donte Vargas
Scriptures: Old Testament: Minister Thelma Washington New Testament: Elder Barbara Ann Hunter	
Prayer	Deaconess Dorothy Montague
Solo	Sis. Cecilia Pace
Remarks: (Please try to keep it to 2 minutes each) Open Remarks: Deaconess Ministry - Deaconess Alice Lipe Nurses Ministry - Sis. Anita Holder Unity of Zion in Action - Sis. Brenda Harris Temple Guards - Sis. La'Tisha Been ILA (Representative)	
Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary	Deaconess Benita Stembridge
SelectionGreater Zion Hill	Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Frank J. Blackshear
Solo	Sis. Gloria Peterson

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Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, 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!

-author unknown

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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