

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Delores Matias

Sunrise
January 23, 1931

Sunset
September 11, 2012

Service

Saturday, September 15, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

MT. ZION AME CHURCH

1765 Madison Avenue • New York, NY

*Rev. Jimmy Williams, Officiating
Marvin Hadley, Organist*

Obituary

Delores was born on January 23, 1931 at Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, presently known as Duke University.

She went to school in Durham until the age of thirteen. Delores then moved to New York to live with her Aunt Margaret after staying in Philadelphia with her mother for two months prior. She attended the all-girl school P.S. 81 and from there moved to Commerce High School in Manhattan.

Delores worked at New York Hospital for five years before she met Bernardo Matias. The two were married on July 11, 1955.

She gave birth to five children, Allen, Donnie, Alicia, Bernardo, Jr. and Michael. They moved to Taft Housing in October 1962, where Delores resided until she went home to the Lord.

As her children grew older, Delores went to nursing school and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She then worked at Metropolitan Hospital for three years before going back to school and receiving her Associate degree as a Registered Nurse. Delores continued her stay at Metropolitan until she retired in 1993. After retirement, Delores often spoke about how much she would miss her colleagues who had become her friends. She enjoyed her time traveling and vacationing with family and friends near and far. She spoke fondly of the time she volunteered with her friends on the Taft Tenant Patrol.

Delores leaves her most cherished memories with: her husband, Bernardo; children, Alicia, Bernardo, Jr., and Michael; sisters, Constance and Jon Marie; brothers, Ronald and Edward. A special acknowledgement to her eldest granddaughter, Venushette, whom Delores raised as her own daughter since birth. Delores was also blessed to leave cherished memories with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, (in age order) Akilah, Natara, Nneka, Xaixier, Khafre, Omari, DeVon, Mary Ann, Michael, Toni, Loni, Robert and Daniel; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

The Scripture

 Old Testament

 New Testament

Selection Nneka Grampus

Acknowledgements

Selection

Words of Comfort Tenant Patrol Association

 Friends

 Family

Obituary

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Eulogy

Committal

The Closing Prayer

The Benediction

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

*I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,*

But be thankful we had so many good years.

*I gave you my love and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.*

*Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"
(Author Unknown)*

Acknowledgement

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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