

*Service of Celebration for*

A portrait of Cornelia Bowles, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored top. The background is a warm, golden glow, possibly a sunset or sunrise over water.

*Cornelia Bowles*

Sunrise  
September 2, 1917

Sunset  
September 14, 2012

*Service*

Wednesday, September 26, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**GRACE GOSPEL CHURCH**

589 East 164th Street  
(Boston Road & Cauldwell)  
Bronx, New York

*Officiating: Reverend Loren Russell*

*Organist: Prof. Tyrone Patrick*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection ..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection ..... "Amazing Grace"

Eulogy ..... Reverend Loren Russell

Committal

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional ..... Tyrone Patrick

**Interment**

Long Island National Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

## *Reflections of Life*

**Cornelia “Ma Connie” Bowles** was born in Linden, Alabama. She was the second oldest child of nine sisters and brothers. She was granted her official Angel wings Friday, September 14, 2012 at Lincoln Hospital with her family by her side.

Cornelia “Miss Connie” or “Ma Connie” married James B. King, Sr. in 1933. Through this union they had James B. King, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan. After the death of her husband, she came to New York living in Harlem in the early 1940’s. In 1946, she met and married John Bowles, Jr. of Richmond, VA. In this union she had two daughters, the late Great Darlene L. Bowles (deceased 2006) and Michele A. Bowles of Bronx, New York.

Ma Connie was a great cook and a beautiful woman with a big heart. Everyone who knew Ma Connie has eaten some of her famous fried chicken, collard greens and cornbread. Ma Connie always was a giver from the heart. People will always remember her for her advice, wisdom comfort, guidance and friendship. Everyone who embraced her spirit will say she was the most real and loyal person they ever met. In all of those wonderful qualities she shared with us all. Ma Connie was also famous for running numbers in her infamous sayings, “ Don’t make me bust ya”, “Heaven in hell are both right here on earth” and “If I tell you a hen diff snuff look under the wing and it’s there.”

She is survived by: her baby sister, Bessie Mae (Auntie Sister) Windham of Birmingham, Alabama; her son, James B. King, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan; daughter, Michele A. (Shell Anna) Bowles of Bronx, New York; stepdaughter, Margaret Ann of Michigan, Sidney Barnes, Jr. of Long Island, Jason “JB” Bowles, Victoria “Kit Kat” Bowles, Melissa “Tootsie” Griffin and Michael “Slick D” McMillian who devoted his life to caring in showering her with overwhelming love, dedication and unselfishness. He was her 4:00 a.m. coffee buddy and never forgot her Big Red when he put her numbers in; two great granddaughters, D’Avion and Diamond; and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, family and friends.

*As children, we can't comprehend or fully realize the meaning of a grandmother's love. How wise she is, how much patience she has how much guidance she gives us by her example and by her helpful caring ways. Years go by before we know and understand the depth of her concern and the love in her protectiveness. But as we mature we do finally understand and we can look back and see through older eyes and wiser hearts her unconditional love, devotion and family loyalty. It's these and many other things that make us realize how blessed we have been and how lucky we are to have this phenomenal woman - our grandmother, the source love in the root of our strength.*

*The love of our life Ma Connie.*

Love Always

“The Best” Tootsie

*Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Cornelia Bowles** would like to thank everyone for their continued support given to the family.*

*May God bless each of you.*

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