

In Loving Memory of
Maria Richardson



Sunrise
September 30, 1925

Sunset
October 2, 2012

Service

Thursday, October 11, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating

Bobby Arrington, Organist



Obituary

Maria Richardson better known to family and friends as “Cooley” was the youngest of five daughters and one son, born to Ernest and Malicia Richardson on September 30, 1925 in the Dominican Republic. As a young girl, the family migrated to Aruba where she attended school.

She later married Alford Hassell, was blessed with three children while being a devoted wife and caring mother she was able to continue working at the Lago Oil Refinery.

In 1954 Cooley uprooted her family to New York City. She obtained work at St Luke’s Hospital as a nursing assistant. After thirty-five years of dedicated service she retired.

Aside from spending time with family and friends. Cooley enjoyed traveling and meeting new people. She will always be remembered and greatly missed for her keen dancing skills and great sense of humor.

She leaves behind: three children, Barbara Joseph, Errol and Vincent Hassell; four grandchildren, Deron, Carl, Sharissa and Errol Jr.; one brother and one sister; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Ranelle Joseph

Solo

Brenda Terry

Eulogy

Rev. Lee Arrington

Committal

Viewing

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, 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!*

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Acknowledgement

*The family sends their thanks for your support during this
time of bereavement.*

The Family

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