

*Going Home Service for
Marjorie Laura Wallace-Halley (Margie)*

Sunrise
May 5, 1919

Sunset
January 16, 2013



Funeral Service

Friday, March 1, 2013

Viewing: 4:00 p.m. • Service: 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Baptist Church

249 West 132nd Street • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. V. Dwayne Battle, Pastor

Order of Service

PRESIDING

Rev. Dr V. Dwayne Battle, Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church

Organ PreludeDr. B. Dexter Allgood, Minister of Music

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Hymn of Celebration..... “Blessed Assurance, Page”

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Reynolds Batson, Asst. Pastor, Zion Baptist Church

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalms 107: 1- 9..... Rev. Batson

New Testament - 2nd Timothy 4: 1-8Rev. Dr. Battle

AcknowledgementsMs. Deborah Barton, Church Clerk

Resolutions St Paul Baptist Church - Church Official

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Margie’s Antigua Family-Cicely Phoenix

Doris Barnes (Sister) -Song- And I Want to Make It Right!

Margie’s FIVE Granddaughters- Amy, Tashima, Ayana, Janessa,
and Denitra Alexander

A Poem..... Marjorie Tashima Alexander (2nd Oldest Granddaughter)

A Poem-My Last Party..... Cheryl Keeeyes, representing Margie’s
Special Family Members

ObituaryMs. Joyce Brown, Godchild

A Musical Tribute..... Ms. Darlene Cheeks
Trustee Claude Jay Jones
Deacon William Mc Eachern

EulogyReverend Robert Royal
Associate Minister, St. Paul Baptist Church
Minister of Social Justice and Community Outreach

SelectionMs. Darlene Cheek

Final Viewing, Committal & Benediction

Recessional“When We All Get To Heaven” #429

Interment Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, New Jersey

Reflections of Life

Marjorie Laura Wallace-Halley (Margie) was born February 16th, 1942 to Gertrude Wallace and Benjamin Halley. Her mother Gertrude died at a very young age and Marjorie was raised by her maternal grandmother, Sister Emily Wallace. Her upbringing was also guided by her Grandma Wallace's best friend, Sister Laura Ferguson Halley, Margie's paternal grandmother. Sister Halley was also raising Benjamin's other daughter, Jamesetta (Jimmie). The two matriarchs together raised their granddaughters, Margie and Jimmie with grace and a strong commitment to Christian living. They introduced their girls to Christ and joined St. Paul Baptist Church with them in the late 1950s. The two sister's father, Benjamin had already joined St. Paul and eventually answered the Call to the ministry. Upon reaching adulthood, Margie attended Church Services usually for special events however in the last four years of her life she attended St. Paul with her sister and father with increasing regularity. Margie could be seen with her frail, tiny body praising, clapping and rejoicing. Throughout her current hospitalization she frequently stated, to her Sister Jimmie, "I want to go to Church."

In 1967 Margie's only son and the real joy of her life was born, William James Alexander, 2nd. (Jamie). Sharing everything with her Sister Jimmie, Margie even shared her son Jamie. Living in Canandaigua, New York with his Aunt Jimmie, Jamie enjoyed country living, exceptional schools, winter and summer sports and learned to ski soon after he learned to walk. Margie delighted in telling her friends, "My Sister had my Son skiing since he was little, and you know Black people don't Ski. Right!" From her son Jamie, Margie would be blessed with five granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and one great grandson.

Margie was small in stature, but a spitfire of a woman! She was lovingly known by many as the "little shrimp," Always protective of her Baby Sister Jimmie, Margie was a tomboy when she was young, but morphed into an elegant, no-nonsense Diva! Educated in the New York Public School System Margie excelled in Sports and was an avid, star High School Basketball player despite being just five feet tall.

Margie was well traveled both domestically and internationally, and was often accompanied by her father and sister. If the price was right, she was known to fly off to the island of Antigua; her favorite place in the world, Marjorie was also an avid fisher woman and loved to go camping! She even owned a boat with her favorite fishing buddy. Other fisherman would comment that it was amazing to see that little woman out there on the ocean, with no fear, working that fishing pole so expertly! Her fishing expeditions reaped large hauls! She could catch them, clean and gut them, and fortunately for many of her Family and friends, cook them too! Like a true Aquarian, Marjorie loved the water and being outdoors. She often commented how the water soothed her spirit! She sometimes even chose vacation spots based on where she could go fish! Needless to say, when she traveled, so did her fishing poles and hat!

Margie worked as a professional bartender for 40+ years. She began her career in her early 20's, working in Harlem in places such as, The Lickety Split, Yvonne's and 721 to name a few. She also worked in several places in the Bronx notably, Harold's Supper Club, Café Lou's and The Bungalow. Margie went into each establishment putting her unique stamp on the place, and increased business due to her popularity. From 1998-2000, Marjorie served as a Brand Ambassador for Jack Daniels in the New York area. She was also the President of the Jack Daniel's Bartenders Association. In this capacity, she hosted events and helped to create specialty cocktails used nationally for the Jack Daniel's family of brands. Marjorie was perfectly suited to this type of work because of her creativity and excellent people skills. She was certainly the "hostess with the mostess", and her parties were legendary! She retired in 2006.

Marjorie was a mother to every friend she met, and called sister by many! She had a quick wit, which elicited gut-busting laughter! Marjorie fiercely loved her family and friends! She had a smile as wide as all outdoors and a personality unsurpassed! Marjorie was a super-star in every sense of the word! She will be truly forever missed.

Marjorie Wallace-Halley leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved son, William James Alexander, 2nd (Josette), her granddaughters Amy, Tashima, Ayana, Janessa and Denitra Alexander, three great grand children, devoted Sister Dr. Jamesetta Halley-Boyce, siblings Doris Barnes, Robinette Halley, and Benjamin Halley, Jr, her Aunt Mary Cole, her special Nephews Gregory Smith and Hill Boyce, Jr, a host of other nieces and nephews, Cousins Cookie Washington, Laura Halley Cole, Rosalind and Amanda Waring, Godchildren Joyce Brown, Chris Dante Gray and Taylor Keeeyes, her Spiritual Mother Jackie Daugherty, her special daughters and the mothers of her grandchildren Marilyn Baez, Angela McCullers and Stacey Alexander, her Special Family Members, Phyllis Daugherty and Daughter Janine , Cheryl and Ronnie Keeeyes (deceased), Cicely Phoenix, Adrianna Dubose, Pete Jones, Charmaine Medford , Mark Dean (Po).

Crossing The Bar

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.
~Alfred Lord Tennyson~*

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