

*In Loving Memory of*  
*LaVerne C. Bryant*



**September 28, 1950 - March 25, 2013**

**Service**

Saturday, March 30, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

*Pastor Isaac R. Melton, Jr., Officiating*

## Obituary

**LaVerne Catherine Yates** was born to the late Catherine and Harold Yates on September 28, 1950 in New York's Harlem Hospital. She spent her childhood in Harlem and Washington Heights. A student of the New York City public school system, Laverne graduated from Charles Evan Hughes High School in 1968. In 1970, LaVerne married John C. Bryant.

Intelligent and hard working, Laverne began her career after high school graduation. In 1977, she joined the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. She enjoyed a great deal of achievement there, where she eventually held the post of Tax Compliance Assistant Manager. Her work ethic, good nature and leadership capabilities gained LaVerne the respect and admiration of her colleagues. They lovingly showed their regard for her when she retired in July of 2009.

LaVerne was a woman of many interests, and was especially passionate about politics, local, national and international. Many of us can recall long passionate conversations with her. Fun-loving and adventurous, she enjoyed travel and dining. A self-described "foodie", she loved dining out, and loved cooking shows.

When we think of LaVerne, we remember her sense of humor, and killer wit. We will never forget that infectious laugh! We love her, and she loved us in return.

After battling illness for the last few years, LaVerne left this life on March 25, 2013. There are so many people, friends and family, that grieve her passing. Among those are her siblings, Michael Stephens, Venetta Yates and Ivy Ali; nephews Robert Lewis and Michael Lewis, Aunt Teresa Glover, Uncle Julius Yates, and a host of cousins, relatives, and many dear friends.

*LaVerne will be dearly missed.*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Scriptures – First Reading  
Scripture – Second Reading

Song

Obituary  
(Read Silently)

Eulogy

*Pastor Isaac R. Melton, Jr.*  
*Christian Light Missionary Baptist Chrch*

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

## **Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey

## *Serenity Prayer*

God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that you will make all things right,  
If I surrender to your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with him  
Forever in the next.

## *Acknowledgement*

During this time of sorrow, we learn how much our family and friends mean to us. Our family will always remember your kindness and sympathy.

---

2352 8th Avenue • Manhattan, NY • (212) 666-8300  
1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY • (718) 774-1023  
1018 Prospect Avenue • Bronx, NY • (718) 542-3833

*Clifford V. James, President & CEO*  
www.unityfuneralchapels.com  
email: unityfc@aol.com

*"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"*

