

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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the

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*In Loving
Memory
of*

Miriam L. Cunningham

Sunrise

September 23, 1927

Sunset

May 4, 2013

Service

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Christ The King Catholic Church

768 Ocean Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Order of Service

- Reception and Blessing of the Body
- Placing of the Pall
- Opening HymnChrist The King Choir
- Opening PrayerRev. Stephen Giorno
- 1st Reading: Job 19:1, 23-27Rosemary Nwabueze
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23Christ The King Choir
- 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39Joshua Nwabueze
- Gospel: John 37-40.....Rev. Stephen Giorno
- HomilyRev. Stephen Giorno
- Prayers of Petition
- Offertory Hymn..... Christ The King Choir
- Holy Communion
- Meditation Song Sharon Thomas
- Reading of the Obituary Cynthia Harris
- Final Prayer and CommendationRev. Stephen Giorno
- Recessional HymnChrist The King Choir

Interment
 Holy Name Cemetery
 Jersey City, New Jersey

Obituary



Miriam L. Cunningham died on Saturday, May 4th, 2013.

Born Miriam Louise Reddick to William and Elizabeth Reddick on September 23, 1927 in Woodbridge, NJ, she had five siblings: George Sheppard, Florence Mosley, Tabitha Reddick, Roberta Brown and Aida Jefferies. She grew up in Rahway, NJ and graduated from Rahway High School. Miriam attended Jersey City State Teachers College and received a B.S. Degree in Education. She also earned a M.A. in Supervision and Administration from Seton Hall University. Miriam was an elementary school teacher with the Jersey City Public Schools for forty years until her retirement in 1991 as an Assistant Principal. Over the years, Miriam started Girl Scout Troops at Grace Episcopal Church and at St. John’s Episcopal Church, both in Jersey City. Miriam served for many years as a volunteer for the Visiting Homemakers Association and for Literacy Volunteers of America. She enjoyed her twenty-one years of retirement with her grandchildren and by traveling the world.

Miriam was married to the late Wilbur Cunningham. She is survived by four children; Bradley Cunningham (Maggie), Pamela Sheridan, Rosemary Nwabueze (Jude) and Jacqueline Mayes, seven grandchildren; Bradley Cunningham Jr., Jerome Sheridan, Shelia Sheridan, Jude Nwabueze, Niambi Mayes, Amir Muhammad and Joshua Nwabueze, one great grandchild Ariyana Joy Cunningham, one sister Aida Jeffries, dear friends Cynthia Harris, Gladys Peterson and Helen Jenkins, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. She is predeceased by her parents William & Elizabeth Reddick, and four siblings.

Miriam positively impacted many, many school children in Jersey City. Her own children are often greeted by “Mrs. Cunningham is your mother, isn’t she?” followed by a story of how she left an impression on their lives. Over the years, she developed a love for the Spanish culture and language. Miriam recently returned from spending six weeks in Patzcuaro, Mexico where she has built a community of friends over the past fifteen years. She also enjoyed travels to Central and South America and recently cruised the Mediterranean and Caribbean with her children.

Miriam’s hobby was “flea marketing” with her dear friend, Cynthia Harris and has a huge American Bicentennial collection. She enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles and could not be beaten at Trivial Pursuit. But most of all, everyone knew not to call her at 7 p.m. because she was watching Jeopardy and correctly answering every question!

We will all miss Miriam dearly and look forward to seeing her again someday.

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