

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Dorothy Gayles, an elderly woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark top. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies with green leaves.

Dorothy Gayles

Sunrise
May 30, 1934

Sunset
May 13, 2013

Service

Monday, May 20, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating

Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Dorothy Gayles was born on May 30, 1934 in Apex, NC to Martha Petty and Willis Martin Petty. She was the second born of ten children. She moved to Queens, New York at age sixteen.

Dorothy was a member of Bibleway Praise Temple near Far Rockaway in Queens, NY. She was employed doing domestic work and helping lots of people. She was caring, loving, and affectionate to anyone that crossed her path. Dorothy was the sweetest woman you would ever meet.

Dorothy was a wonderful mother to eight children, Cecelia Gayles-Scott, Kim Gayles, Keith Gayles, Elena Gayles, Don Gayles, Dorothea Perry, James Tinnen Jr. and Elaine Tinnen.

Dorothy was preceded in death by three children, Kim Gayles, Cecelia Gayles-Scott and Elaine Tinnen, her sister, JoAnne Lewis and her two brothers, Willis Roscoe Petty and James “Bo-Bo” Petty.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her sons, James Tinnen Jr., Don and Keith Gayles; daughters, Dorothea Perry and Elena Gayles; sisters, Magdaline Mangum, Patsy Mangum, Faye, Glenda Epps, Betty Lou Mangum, and Frances Lawson; grandchildren, Taqiyyah Gayles, Avee Pershay, Desireé Crosswell, Vaughn Gayles, David Crosswell Jr., Shadea Gayles, and Tashay Gayles, six great grandchildren, one son-in-law Matthew Perry; one daughter-in-law, Toni Gayles; close friends of the family, Lynn Goldberg, Sari Goldberg and Gaby Mangeri; long time companion, Charles; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*Mom is such a special word
The loveliest I've ever heard
A toast to you
Above the rest
Mom, you're so special
You are simply the best
-The Family*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings Elena Gayles

Prayer

Selection Sandy Jenkins

Acknowledgements Toni Gayles

Remarks Lynne Goldberg and Dorothea Perry

Obituary The Grandchildren

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Lee Arrington

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

She constantly hummed, always! She was just once of those inherently happy people. I will never forget her laugh and her beautiful face. It is stitched into my heart. Heaven is about to receive a true angel. I know she will be free, dancing, smiling and eating her yogurts. Go lightly beloved Dorothy and I know that our lives were better because you were a part of them. Rest now our dearest. We will all hold you close to us and will love you forever. I doubt I will ever know another woman like Dorothy Gayles. A legend for sure. With more love than I can express, thank you.

-Lynne Goldberg

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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