

In Loving Memory of



Joyce Maxine Askew

Sunrise

June 14, 1952

Sunset

June 17, 2013

Memorial Service

Sunday, June 23, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Sheila Ingram, Officiating

Aaron Armstrong, Organist

Obituary

Joyce Askew was born June 14, 1952 to the proud parents Mckinley and Catherine Askew. Joyce was the fourth child born to that union. They named their daughter Joyce which means joy, that is what she brought to all the lives she touched. Joyce is what you call a true diva she was known for her many shoes and bags. Joyce completed her secondary education, graduated from Brandis High School in 1970. After graduation one year later she gave birth to her only son whom she name Calvin, he changed his name later and is better known as Malik.

At a young age of twenty-six Joyce and her son, Malik left New York City and relocated to Los Angeles, California. There Joyce held various jobs. Then she decided to continue her education. Joyce received her AA Degree in Business Administration and a BSW at Cal State LA, in 1992, obtained her Master's of Education and School Counseling degree from the University of Laverne in 2001. Joyce worked for the County of Los Angeles DCFS from 1992-1997 and the first CSW to go to the Black Family investment Project. Joyce was a part of the Healthy Start Initiative and Medical Placement. After a number of years Joyce returned to DCFS in 2007 and worked at the Chatworth office before transferring to the Palmdale office and working both in the back end and Emergency Response. Joyce after thirty-three years in the state of California decided to move back to her roots New York City to join her son, Malik and grandson, Elijah and other family members. After a short stay of four months Joyce made her departure to meet with the King.

Joyce leaves behind: a son, Malik Askew; grandson, Elijah Askew; mother, Catherine Askew; two brothers, Mckinley Askew and David Askew; two sisters, Lydia Jones and Jacqueline Askew; nephew, Kelly Robinson; nieces, Tracy Askew, Steffany Jones, Tiffany Jones and Brittany Askew; and a host of grand nieces, nephew and friends.

Order of Service

Solo

Melvin Moore

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Solo

Obituary

Acknowledgements

Open Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Benediction



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



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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