

Celebration Of Life For

*Hazel Ruth Gandy-Lewis*

Sunrise  
October 12, 1933

Sunset  
July 20, 2013



*Service*

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

**LOWLY NAZARENE BAPTIST CHURCH**

844 Gerard Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10451

*Pastor Charles Harvin, Officiating*  
*Zion Baptist Church*  
*Bronx, New York*

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....*Brother Richard Taylor*

Processional.....*Clergy and Family*

Hymn of Praise ..... *Lowly Nazarene Church Choir*

Old and New Testament Scriptures.....*Reverend Syms Williams*

Prayer of Comfort.....*Pastor Charles Harvin*  
*Zion Baptist Church*

Musical Selection.....*Lowly Nazarene Church Choir*

Condolences, Obituary and  
Reflections Church Resolution.....*Sister Karen Valle*

Reflections and  
League Resolution ..... *United Ushers Benevolent League*  
*of Greater New York and Vicinity*

Reflections.....*Family and Friends*

Solo.....*Sister Margaret Jones*

Eulogy.....*Pastor Charles Harvin*  
*Zion Baptist Church*

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Entombment**  
*George Washington Memorial Park*  
*Paramus, New Jersey*

***Family Dinner Repast***  
***Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church***  
***844 Gerard Avenue***  
***Bronx, New York 10451***

## Reflections of Life

*Hazel Ruth Gandy-Lewis* was born in Georgiana, Alabama on October 12, 1933 to the parents of John and Alma Gandy. The youngest of five children, Hazel was raised in Alabama until such time as her father sought a better life for his family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and relocated his growing family.

Hazel was a graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School and received her high school diploma in 1951. A lover of people, Hazel worked as a Nurses' Aide caring for the sick and elderly.

In 1956, her best friend, Ora Mae, encouraged Hazel to move to the "BigApple" for employment opportunities. Job opportunities were indeed plentiful and with her natural talent as a seamstress, she immediately found work. Hazel and Ora resided together for many years until Hazel married John Lewis, a fashion producer and hair designer. The newly-weds traveled from city to city, exhibiting the clothing and hair designs that they created together.

Being a lover of people, Hazel continued to serve as an Administrative Assistant for St. Vincent de Paul, an organization of the Archdiocesan of New York. After retirement, her tireless service continued by volunteering with local charitable organizations for the benefit of the community.

A soldier in the army for the Lord, Hazel has been a member of Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church for over thirty-seven years. Through her tireless devotion and dedication she earned the privilege of heading the Usher Board and also became the Church Secretary. Hazel was also a long-standing member of the United Benevolent League of Greater New York receiving many awards and special recognition for dedication and service.

Hazel loved people, particularly her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Alma Gandy, husband, John Lewis, sisters, Myrtle Gandy, Lucille Simmons, and brother John Gandy.

She is survived by: a daughter, Lesli Alma Lewis; grand-daughter, Cheyenne Lewis of New York; sister, Velma McCreary of Atlanta, Georgia; nieces, Janet Garcia of Bronx, New York and Linda Richardson; grand-nieces, Takiyah Richardson, Amirah Richardson and Daiyaanah Richardson; two grand-nephews, Jabril Richardson and Naeem Richardson, all of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of cousins, close friends, brothers and sisters of the United Ushers Benevolent League of Greater New York and Vicinity and other church family members.

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, at her home in the Bronx, New York, God called His precious angel of service home to be with Him. She was and will always be loved by all that knew her. Possessing a heart of gold, she will be dearly missed by every life she touched and her lasting memories will be treasured forever.

## Pall Bearers

United Ushers Benevolent League of Greater New York and Vicinity

## Flowers

Family And Friends

# *When I Get To Heaven*

*At last I reach my final home the gates swing open wide I get a glimpse of glory. I can't wait to get inside. An angel beckons to me. I hurry up to him. He opens up a golden book and He lets me look in.*

*I see my name is written on the page that he turns to. He says you finally made it. I've been waiting here for you. He points in one direction and tells me "go that way." So I start my tour of heaven and the place that I will stay.*

*I see the many mansions as I walk the streets of gold. I hear the angels praising God just like I had been told. And then I spot my loved ones. They've been here many years. We hug and kiss each other All smiles, there are no tears.*

*I look around for Jesus. I know He'll soon appear. I want to kneel and praise Him because He's the reason that I am here.*

*He took upon Himself my sins and paid the price for me with His victory over death He finally set me free. Free from all my worldly sins and the evil Satan sent. Jesus came into my heart because I did repent.*

*I'll finally get to thank Him when I bow before His throne. For all the times He carried me when I couldn't walk alone.*

*I'll live with Him in heaven with no sorrow, tears or pain. This was His promise to me when to the earth He came.*

*There are many mansions up here. There's room for all of you so join us all in heaven and I'll tell you what to do.*

*Accept Jesus as your Savior. He will wash your sins away. He's waiting here to greet you when you join us here one day.*

## **Farewell To One Of God's Chosen Angels**

***Hazel R. Lewis***

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Hazel Lewis wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all of your love, kindness and support shown during the passing of our loved one.*

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