

*In Loving Memory of*



*Marilyn Adams*

*Sunrise*

October 15, 1933

*Sunset*

November 18, 2013

Service

Tuesday, November 26, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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*Rev. John Reddick, Officiating*

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*



## Obituary

**Marilyn Theodora Adams**, was born to Mr. Theodore Robinson and Mrs. Mary Robinson on October 15, 1933 in Cheraw, South Carolina.

The family moved to New York City in the late 1930's and settled on the upper Eastside of Harlem. Marilyn was educated in the public school system during her elementary school days and she then attended Washington Irving High School.

Marilyn graduated from there and went to Atlanta to attend Brown University and got her Bachelors. Marilyn was also a Kappa while she was there.

Coming back home to New York in around 1954, Marilyn got into the modeling business where she posed in several black oriented magazines including Jet. With her good looks, Marilyn also got into waitressing and bartending where eventually she was hired to work in Big Wilt's Small's Paradise where Wilt Chamberlain was the boss. Marilyn worked at Small's and was blessed to meet and know several entertainers and performers such as Chuck Jackson who became her very good friend, Sammy Davis, Jr., Redd Foxx and one of her favorites, Wildman Steve.

Marilyn met and married Horace Adams of Kinston, NC (and later he moved to Philly in 1957) and in 1958, they had a baby boy who they named, Derek Adams. Marilyn went back and worked at Small's Paradise until it closed down in the mid 70's, but continued to put a smile on people's faces at Carl's off the Corner on 145th and Broadway. Marilyn worked into the 1980's when she retired to take care of her parents who lived in Esplanade Gardens.

Marilyn lived in Esplanade for her remaining years where she became a popular figure in the neighborhood, especially for walking her dog Peaches. Marilyn did the walking while Peaches had the pleasure of riding in Marilyn's shopping cart. Where Marilyn went, Peaches went, and all the store owners knew this.

Unfortunately in 1999, Marilyn fell down Esplanade Gardens sixteen concrete steps and never recovered. Marilyn stopped being able to walk four years later and her health declined until she passed away on Monday, November 18th.

Marilyn was predeceased by her grandson, Andre Young.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Derek Adams; daughter-in-law, Jane Adams; her two grandsons, Derek Debnam and Theodore Adams; seven great-grands, several cousins and many, many, friends and associates.

*Submitted by Marilyn's one and only,  
Derek Adams.*

# **Order of Service**

**Processional**

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## **Final Disposition**

Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# *J'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.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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