

*In Loving Memory of*



*Dolores Martinez Ashbourne*

*November 1, 1934 – April 14, 2014*

Saturday, April 19, 2014 - 1:00 pm

**MCCALL BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue

Bronx, New York

*Rev. Gloria Wynn, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Dolores Martinez-Ashbourne**, beloved Mother, Grandmother and Friend, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 14, 2014 and went on to Glory to received her Inheritance of Eternal Life with our Heavenly Father, at the age of seventy-nine.

“Dee” or “Miss Dee”, as she was fondly called by those who knew her, was born Dolores Evelyn Chisolm on November 1, 1934 to Lula Albro Chisolm and Louis Chisolm in Harlem, New York. Lula Chisolm soon took on the role of both Matriarch and Patriarch and successfully raised three beautiful daughters during a period in Harlem, long before the word ‘renaissance’ was ever considered to accurately describe the habitat or its inhabitants. She was the youngest of three sisters and one very special one; Olivia Elizabeth Helen Blake (November 2003), Madge Vivian Tucker (July 2004) and Geraldine Green Salvani, all preceded her in death.

Ms. Dee completed her studies with the New York State Board of Education with a high school diploma. She entered the United States Postal Service in 1956 as a window clerk, and continued to have a successful career. Dee Martinez was promoted to executive management as the Manager of Lobby Operations in Manhattan; a position she held until she retired in 1990.

After a few of life’s personal challenges, in 1979, she met the love of her life, her husband, David George Harvey Ashbourne, who also worked for the United States Postal Service. They were the best of friends, “fire and ice” buddies, until his death on June 7, 2002.

Ms. Dee was a resident of the Bronx, New York and leaves to cherish her memory; her only child, daughter, Robin Olivia Martinez; her granddaughter, Olivia Dee Simpson; her grandson, David Harvey Simpson; her niece, Shelley Tucker-Critz and her grandnephew, William Critz; her step-daughter, Brenda ‘Martinez’ Jackson; her stepsons, William, James and Roberts Ashbourne; her companion, Mayron Brooks, Jr.; along with a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Dee was a warrior and an all-around strong and vivacious person, who was full of both life and love. Dolores was loved and respected immensely, and will truly be missed.

Robin Martinez and Family

# Order of Service

Processional

Invocation ..... Rev. Gloria Wynn

Selection ..... Professor Douglass Banks

Scripture Readings and Reflections

Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Mr. Cleveland E. Beckett, Jr.

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-7 ..... Mrs. Yolanda Beckett

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Gloria Wynn

Selection ..... Professor Douglass Banks

Reflections ..... Open (2 minutes)

Obituary ..... Ms. Robin Olivia Martinez  
Mr. Cleveland E. Beckett, Jr.

Selection ..... Professor Douglass Banks

Eulogy ..... Rev. Gloria Wynn

Selection ..... Professor Douglass Banks

Committal

Benediction

Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

## **Repast**

*Light refreshments being served at  
JP's Restaurant of City Island  
703 Minnieford Avenue • Bronx, NY 10475*

# *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 of the late **Dolores Martinez Asbourne** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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