

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Sylvia Beckford*



Sunrise - June 4, 1936  
Sunset - June 12, 2014

**Service**

Saturday, June 21, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street  
Orange, NJ 07050

Presided over by: Rev. Edward Allen  
Organist: Mr. Emory Lee

## Obituary

**Sylvia Beckford** was born on June 4th, 1936 to the late Maud and Naman Reid. She grew up in Stony Hill, St. Andrew, Jamaica along side her sister Leisa Reid and two brothers Sydney and Arthur (Jackie).

Sylvia received her formal education from the Catholic school in Kingston Jamaica. As a young adult she moved to Kingston where she met Clarence Beckford the love of her life who preceded her in death. They were married in October of 1960 and from that union 8 beautiful daughters and the two sons were born.

Sylvia was always there to guide and encourage her children. Her family was her life. We know the Lord would say welcome, job well done my faithful child. Sylvia was employed at Nestle Jamaica limited for a total of 21 years she was a diligent worker and was awarded on several occasions for her service. After retiring she migrated to New Jersey and settled in East Orange.

She is survived by her children: Vinnette Beckford, Averil Beckford, Marlene Beckford Harris, Marcia Beckford McCree, Andrene Beckford, Alvina Beckford, Karlene Beckford, Leonie Beckford Brown and Godfrey Beckford. Sadly, her other son Clarence Jr preceded her in death. Sylvia also leaves behind grandsons: Garfield Beckford, Steve D. Whyte, Donovan Brown, Dwayne Thompson, Ryan Folkes, Nicholas Daley, Shawn Leckie, Jahi McCree, Matthew Harris, Alex Marquez, Tevin Smith, Lemel Brown and Dylan Brown.

Granddaughters: Loraine Thompson, Natalie Cohen Martin, Danae Cohen Ebanks, Marsha Harris Sterling, Renay Brown, Shanique Folkes and Abigail Grier.

Sons in law: Errol Harris, Peter McCree, Landel Brown and a host of great grandsons and daughters, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*"There is no death, only a change of worlds"*

*Order of Service*

- Processional..... “I Look To You”
- Opening Remarks..... Rev. Edward Allen
- Hymn..... “Precious Lord Take My Hand”
- Opening Prayer..... Rev. Edward Allen
- 1st Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Alex Marquez (grandson)
- Musical Tribute..... “I Give Myself Away”  
Marsha Harris-Sterling (grand-daughter)
- Tribute: Poem ..... Carla Fisher (cousin)
- 2nd Scripture Reading: .....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Alvina Beckford (daughter)
- Eulogy..... Steve D. Whyte (grandson)
- Hymn..... “The Lord Is My Shepherd”
- Prayer for Family..... Rev. Edward Allen
- Benediction

**Interment**  
Rosadale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey



# *Precious*





# *Memories*







**Pall bearers:**

Godfrey Beckford (son)      Anthony Johnson (nephew)  
Steve D. Whyte (grandson)      Ryan Folkes (grandson)  
Nicholas Daley (grandson)      Tevin Smith (grandson)

In Loving Memory

**Sylvia Beckford**

June 4, 1936 - June 12, 2014

God saw you were getting tired

And a cure was not to be,

So He put His arms around you

And whispered, "Come to me"

With tearful eyes we watched you,

And saw you pass away.

Although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating,

Your hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only take the "Best".

***Acknowledgement***

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not here at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Beckford Family

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