

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Mattie Mae Grice

Sunrise
August 3, 1933

Sunset
July 26, 2014

Service
Friday, August 1, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating
Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Mrs. Mattie Mae Grice who was often referred to as Mae, was called home on Saturday, July 26, 2014 to be with Our Heavenly Father. Mattie Mae Butler was born, August 3, 1933, in Greenville, South Carolina to Tecora Elizabeth Bell and Elder, Isaiah Todd.

On January 3, 1957, Mattie was united in Holy Matrimony to the late James E. Grice. Mattie Mae Grice's husband served in the U.S. Army, and was a Korean War Veteran, (Purple Heart).

Mattie received her education in Greenville, South Carolina. Mattie worked hard to provide for her family. She was employed by Henry Street Settlement, Household Management, and worked as a Child Care Provider.

Mattie was an exceptional, strong, caring mother, a loving devoted friend, and a wonderful mother-in-law. She was family oriented, a great listener, articulate, and always had loving words to share with everyone. She was opinionated, determined, and had a very soft heart. Many of the younger generation gravitated to her and often referred to her as "Mama." Mattie enjoyed shopping, cooking, sewing, listening to music and traveling to visit her family. Mattie always had a smile on her face, and had a wonderful sense of humor. Mattie will truly be missed and leaves a void in our hearts.

Preceding her in death, James Emanuel Grice, (husband), Kenneth Fitzgerald Grice, (two sons) and John Grice. Survived by: daughters, Rosalyn Bethea, NY, Helen Grice, NY, Emanuella Grice, FL, Tecora Holmes, MA, Jacqueline Denise Gibson, (Michael Gibson), NY; two sons, James Emanuel Grice, CO, and Christopher Lee Smith, (Nichelle Smith), FL; twelve grandchildren, Subrina, Coretta, Lacia, Terrance, Jameelah, Wynoka, Darnell, Malachi, Sierra, Kayla, Maurice, and Bianca; and fourteen great-grandchildren. She also leaves to mourn her devoted friend, Patricia King, and Robbie who was like a daughter; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Comfort Prayer.....Minister, Lester Robinson

Scriptures:

Old TestamentTecora E. Holmes

New TestamentKayla Grice-Gibson

SelectionLester Robinson

Obituary.....Lorraine Anderson

Reading of Cards and FlowersUnity (Staff)

Remarks (2 minutes please) ..James E. Grice/family and friends

SelectionLester Robinson

Eulogy.....Stephanie Cave

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

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, **Mrs. Mattie Mae Grice** would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and sympathy during our bereavement. Thank you for your prayers and support during this transitional period in our lives. May The LORD GOD continue to bless each of you.

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