

A Celebration of

Life



Mrs. Christine Payne

Sunrise
April 22, 1917

Sunset
November 12, 2014

Service

Thursday, November 20, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Christine Chapman Payne, matriarch of her family, went peacefully to her eternal rest on November 12, 2014.

She was born April 22, 1917 in New York City to the late Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. She was one of nineteen children, she was the last sibling left in her family.

She was married to Mr. Charles Payne, Sr. in 1942, who predeceased her in 1997. Through their union they had three children, Juanita Cunningham, Charles Payne, Jr. and Dudley Payne.

Her favorite pastimes were cooking for family and friends, shopping, playing cards and listening to her favorite artists who were Patti Labelle, Brooke Benton and Marvin Gaye.

She was formerly employed for many years with the NAACP and the Board of Education. She loved working with children.

She was loved by all who knew her, a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to everyone, always available when needed.

She leaves to mourn her loss: two sons, Charles, Jr. and Dudley Payne; daughters-in-law, Camille and Barbara Payne; seven grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, her beloved friends and extended family.



Order of Service

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Pastor Presiding.....Rev. Deborah P. Coleman
White Rock Baptist Church

Invocation.....Rev. Deborah P. Coleman (niece)

Hymn of Praise.....“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings.....Minister James Wright, *White Rock Baptist Church*
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo.....Sister Shatisha Gurley

Prayer of Consolation.....Minister James Wright

Selections.....“Never Would Have Made It” - Marvin Sapp
“Take Me To The King” - Tamela Mann
“Someone’s Watching Over Me” - Yolanda Adams

Reflections (5 mins. Please)

Acknowledgements of Cards.....Sister Rachel Morgan

A Family Tribute.....Dudley Payne (Son)
Kareem Foster (Grandson)
Jacqueil Rabsatt (Granddaughter)

Obituary.....Kawana Payne-Dunkley (Granddaughter)

Eulogy.....Dr. Margaret Gurley
White Rock Baptist Church

Reading of Poem.....Charles Payne, Jr. (Son)

Passing Glimpse.....Funeral Director

Committal and Benediction.....Dr. Margaret Gurley

Recessional

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory • Chester, New York

*There is no night without a dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond death's dark horizon,
Our hearts once more will sing
For those who leave us for a while have only gone away.*

The Family

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to
be, I thank God because He came for me.*

-Author unknown

In Appreciation

God has given us friends, some to comfort, some to cheer. They help through the pain and sorrow, just by being there. The family of **Mrs. Christine Payne** would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement.

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