

*Thanksgiving Service to Celebrate the Life of*



*Emily Violet Gatherer*

Sunrise  
November 20, 1925

Sunset  
May 26, 2015

*Service*

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

**FENIMORE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
276 Fenimore Street • Brooklyn, New York 11225

## *Obituary*

On a beautiful autumn day November 20, 1925, in St. Vincent, West Indies there was born to the union of Charles Grant and Pearl Walker, a baby girl they named **Emily Violet**.

Emily was the third of seven siblings. Four preceded her in death, Sheila, George, Dudley and Averil.

She received her formal education in St. Vincent. She came to the United States in 1948 and worked several years at St. Vincent's Hospital. Later she attended Brooklyn College and graduated cum laude with a masters degree in science and education. She taught school for over twenty years. On June 19, 1955 Emily married her childhood sweetheart, Ralph Gatherer. From this union two sons were born, Gordon and Kevin.

Emily loved the arts, life, family and friends. She was known to be a classy lady (how about those fabulous hats)!

Soon after coming to the United States, Emily joined Fenimore Street United Methodist Church where she was a member for over fifty years. She was the first Sunday school teacher in the reorganization of the church. She was superintendent for social concerns and she was also chairperson for the church and society committee. She loved her church. In the last few months Emily's health began to fail, but she was blessed with the love and care of her husband, sons, daughter-in-law and nieces, Dionne and Candice.

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Emily reached her hands up and felt God's hands guiding her safely home.

She leaves to celebrate her life: her husband, Ralph; sons, Gordon and Kevin, Dionne Bailey, Candice Beach and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Church family

Sorrowfully submitted  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn ..... Chancel Choir (Soon and Very Soon)

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon

Scripture Reading - Old Testament ..... Dionne Bailey (Niece)

Scripture Reading - New Testament ..... Dionne Bailey (Niece)

*TRIBUTE* ..... *REV. DR. GLYGER G. BEACH*

Solo ..... J. Erleng Willuiams-King

## RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF FENIMORE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Obituary..... Gordon Gatherer (son)

Hymn ..... Chancel Choir (What A Friend We Have In Jesus)

Sermon ..... Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon

Recessional Hymn ..... Chancel Choir (Oh Happy Day)

*Repast Following The Service Downstairs In The Fellowship Hall*



# *Because The Angels Came*

No more grief or sorrow,  
No more suffering or pain,  
Now there is everlasting peace  
because the angels came.

Only God knows what is best  
And He gently holds my hand  
Guiding me to a better place  
Because the angels came.

When the sun rises tomorrow  
And I answer not my name,  
Please don't cry... Rejoice with me  
Because the angels came.

I now can rest in peace,  
As I never could before.  
I answered the gentle knock  
Of the angels at my door.

## *Acknowledgements*

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for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

