

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Winnie R. Black

Sunrise

August 30, 1932

Sunset

August 8, 2015

Service

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH
1854 Amsterdam Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

Winnie Ruth Black was born on August 30, 1932. She was the third child born to Blanche and Lee Franks. Winnie started her childhood education in South Carolina until the age of thirteen when her family decided to move up north to New York.

After arriving in New York, Winnie's family settled down in Harlem and lived on 126th Street between St. Nicholas and Convent Ave. where she continued her education and graduated from high school. After high school, Winnie met a young man named Thomas Bass and from this courtship a son was born, Henry Franks.

While pursuing employment Winnie met a merchant seaman named Edgar Black Sr. The two soon were married and lived in Colonial Projects, now called Rangel Houses and from this union were four children, Stephanie, Edgar Jr., Sylvia all who preceded her in death, and Sandra. In 1962, Winnie decided to move her family to Audubon Houses, where she lived until she was called home.

Winnie was very outgoing and was always looking for ways to improve her family's life by always improving her job skills. To start she worked at a doughnut shop in midtown then worked at IDEAL Toy Company in Long Island City and finally worked at A.C. Nielsen Ratings in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where she retired at the age of 55.

After retirement Winnie found her passion for cooking. Sunday and holiday dinners were a big event at her house. Her door was open to all from 1909 and beyond. She always had enough for anyone who came across her threshold.

Winnie's health started to decline in 2008. She was diagnosed with end stage renal disease (kidney failure) and had to endure dialysis treatments three times a week and even during this medical crisis she was still outgoing and full of life. It wasn't until these past two years that she wasn't able to continue the things she loved like cooking and shopping. On July 20, 2015, Winnie became ill and was admitted to NY Presbyterian Hospital where she was finally called home to join her loved ones who preceded her in death.

Winnie leaves to mourn: one son, Henry Franks; one daughter, Sandra Black; one sister, Leona Nixon; one daughter-in-law, Debra Franks; four grandchildren, Russell Hartfield, Omar Franks, Danita Franks and Aaron Black. She also leaves to mourn eight great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and a host of family and friends. Winnie Black was loved by all of her loved ones and the 1909 community near and far. She will be forever missed.

Order of Celebration

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Obituary

Remarks (Two Minutes Please)

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

*Frederick Douglass Cemetery
Staten Island, New York*

Good Bye Family



*Good Bye family I had to go
But there's something I want you to know
I enjoyed you while I had life
I had to cross over with my father Jesus Christ.
Don't you cry, don't shed a tear
Just look up and my love will appear
So good bye daughter, good bye son
O don't let me forget my little one
I'll see you soon one day
Just remember I am OK
Go on and live your life
You will soon cross over with Jesus Christ
Don't weep or mourn because you will all
Be called home, Good Bye, Good Bye Love you all.
Just remember don't let my death let you fall
Hold on, hold on tight
I'll see you soon, Goodnight.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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