

In Loving Memory of
Willie Mae LaBoard



Sunrise
May 24, 1915

Sunset
August 17, 2015

Funeral Service
Thursday, August 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

Officiating: Nana Kojo Ayesu

Organist: Reverend Idus Nunn

Order of Service

Presiding.....Nana Kojo Ayesu

Organ Prelude.....Reverend Idus Nunn

Processional.....Clergy of Family

Invocation.....Bishop William Cross

Scripture:

Old Testament.....Bishop William Cross and Pastor Perice

New Testament.....Bishop William Cross and Pastor Perice

Soft Music.....Reverend Idus Nunn

Reflections.....Professor James Smalls,
Dr. Luticia Khonsu- KMT-NTR Priest, Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

Obituary.....Nana Okomfo Akua Agyeman

Solo.....Alan Jefferson

Eulogy.....Bishop William Cross

Benediction.....Bishop William Cross

Final Viewing

Recessional.....Family and Friends

Interment

Friday August 28, 2015 at 10:00 am

Woodlawn Cemetery

Bronx, New York

Reflections of Life

Mrs. Willie Mae LaBoard was born to Nancy Jane Lawrence (deceased) and William Lawrence (deceased), on May 24, 1915 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was the oldest of two children born from this union.

She was fondly called Willie by her friends and Mae by her family. She traveled to New York City at the age of 6 and attended Elementary School. She stopped attending school at the age of 14, to work to help support her family.

She met Joseph La Board (deceased) of Charleston, South Carolina and they were married in 1936. From this union, two children were born, a daughter, Nana Amma Ansa Atei and son, Earl LaBoard, who passed away at an early age.

Mrs. LaBoard worked as a seamstress in a sewing factory making men's clothing. She retired and went on to enjoy life to the fullest, by going to movies, theaters and dances. She especially enjoyed dancing to live bands. Some of her favorite dance halls were the Savoy Ballroom and the Harlem Renaissance Ballroom, during the height of their heyday. She also attended the Queen's Ball in Harlem, NY every Thanksgiving eve as well as attending the Jewel Box Review at the Apollo Theater. She was always there with a listening ear and to give helpful advice. She was very active in the Davidson Senior Center in the Bronx, NY housing complex where she resided. In later life she had religious sessions with Jehovah Witnesses members in her home.

She was a proud and great supporter of her daughter, Nana Amma Ansa Atei during her training and career as the 1st Akan Okomfo (Priest) in America.

Mrs. LaBoard was a very independent, strong and proud woman. She cooked, cleaned, shopped, ironed and took care of herself in her advancing years. She did at a point have Home Health Aides to assist her in her activities of daily living. Ethel Summer was a neighbor, friend and like a caregiver. She was always by her side. From 2009 Nana Ansa became a caretaker along with the help of Ethel Summer, assisting with her mother's daily needs, until she was called home to glory on August 17, 2015.

As the last of her siblings and many other family members, she leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter Nana Amma Ansa Atei. She will also be greatly missed by the Akan and cultural communities, friends and extended family members. The community will always fondly remember Nana Ansa's mother attending numerous Akan spiritual events as well other cultural community gatherings. She was always seen enjoying all occasions and festivities.

Although You're Gone

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Although you're gone, I'm not alone,
And never shall I be,
For the precious memories of the bond we shared
Will never depart from me.
Our love surpassed the ups and downs
And helped us along the way,
And that same love will give me strength
To manage this loss each day.
On my mind and in my heart,
Mom, you shall forever be,
For just as much as I am a part of you,
You are a part of me!

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Willie LaBoard** wishes to express our sincere gratitude and expressions of love and support during this time of bereavement.

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