



Celebrating the Life of
Martha Frazier-Martin

May 4, 1925 - December 3, 2015

~New York Service~

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Viewing: 4:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance: 7:00 p.m.

GREATER METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

147 West 123rd Street - New York, NY 10027

Reverend Dr. Walter Martin, Eulogist

Reverend Dr. Ronnie Faison, Presiding

~South Carolina Service~

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Viewing: 11:00 a.m.

BOSTICK FUNERAL HOME

Highway 13 Ridgeland, SC 29936

Obituary

Thursday morning, December 3rd, 2015, Martha called out “Oh Jesus, Jesus, Jesus” a final time, and at that moment and only that moment, it was her time. God transformed the skies and created a windy breeze for the purpose of relieving his faithful servant, **Mrs. Martha Frazier-Martin** from labor to her reward from the comfort of her home in Richmond Hill, New York. Trust, God makes no mistakes!

Martha Frazier-Martin was born to the late Stephen and Emma Jane Frazier on Monday, May 4th, 1925 in Pineland, South Carolina. Martha was the sixth of ten children born to this union, in which six siblings preceded her in death. Her sisters, Maude Winfield, Ruth Lee and Agnes Pinckney; brothers, Fred Frazier, Stephen Frazier, Jr. and just a couple of weeks ago, Richard Frazier.

Martha attended the Pineland and Robertsville School System. She graduated at the top of her class, but while exceeding in her studies she still had time to meet her childhood sweetheart, Samuel “Sammie” Martin. On a spring day, April 10th, 1954, Martha said “I do” to her sweetheart and together there were now five children.

Martha, with marrying a preacher became a former Leading Lady of Mt. Airy Baptist Church and Second Shiloh Baptist Church both in NY. She was a faithful employee of the Prospect Press, Inc. from 1965 until her retirement in 1991.

A French philosopher wrote: “One is not born a woman, one becomes one” and that hands down, she was.

Martha to strangers, friends and family was known for her tall stature, independence and stubbornness which is definitely an inherited trait.

As Mama and/or Ma or Grandma, she was also known as a woman

of routine. Saturday's were known as her business days; the bank, the laundromat, Key Food, The Avenue, Woolworth, but maybe not in that order. Sundays, man-oh-man, could she cook. She prepared a "SPREAD" for an army; her famous mac & cheese, lasagna, candied yams with marshmallows, beef and she would never forget either white or yellow rice, and let's not forget the array of watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew fruit salad in which she patiently scooped them out into little balls.

She loved crocheting, doing crossword puzzles, collecting stuffed animals and she loved her family photos in which she displayed them on every space available, or not, on her dresser or wall. Also, another inherited trait is catalog and television shopping. A package came just about every day. If she was computer savvy, she'd probably purchase one and use that resource for shopping as well, but all she had to do was ask Walter or Nate and I'm sure they'd have no problem teaching her or ordering for her.

If it wasn't verbally said, her FAMILY should have known she loved them unconditionally because there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for them and that alone is love. She started her warnings with; "Mind you hurt yourself" and occasionally she gave scoldings. She never forgot Anniversary's, Christmas and birthdays...NEVER! She prepared cards routinely on these special occasions. Not to only her family, but to others she was a giving woman. She gave to most charities that solicit donations or pledges without any hesitation, whether it was junk mail as we'd like to call it or television.

As a stranger, a friend, a woman, as Martha, as Mama &/or Ma, as Grandma and last but not least, as a family member, she will continually be remembered for her soft voice, a warm smile, and let's dare not forget her giving and caring heart. If you asked, she gave of herself and for all these things and more she will be missed, but will live on within the lives of those she touched and loved.

She leaves to cherish her memories. Her daughters; Gwendolyn “Gwen” Lee of Savannah, GA; Mamie Johnson and Ruth Oluwa of Richmond Hill, NY and her sons; Nathaniel “Nate” Martin of Massapequa, NY and Walter (Lillie) Martin of South Ozone Park, NY; one sister, Katie Bing of Philadelphia, PA; a brother, Allen Frazier of Ellicott City, MD; two sisters-in-law; Carolyn Frazier of Rome, GA and Gladys Frazier of Sun City, SC; a dedicated granddaughter and caregiver, Biola “BeBe” Oluwa; a devoted cousin and friend, Esther Daniels; a bunch of grandchildren and great-grands, one great great-grand and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude Minister Gary Samuels

Processional Clergy and Family

Presiding Reverend Dr. Ronnie Faison, Pastor
Travelers Rest Baptist Church, NYC

Music Minister Gary Samuel & Fellowship Music Ministry
Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church

Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 121:3-16
Reverend Arthur Harris, Pastor
Rescue Baptist Church, NYC

New Testament Revelation 21:2-6
Reverend Jonathan Nottage
Nazareth Baptist Church, Bronx, NY

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Karl A. Delk
President Elect, Brooklyn Baptist Evangelical Union,
Brooklyn, NY

Music Minister Gary Samuel & Fellowship Music Ministry
Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church

Reading of Acknowledgments
and Life Reflections Ms. Niza L. Martin

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Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church

Encouraging Words

Clergy Representation

Reverend Shepherd Lee, President Elect
Manhattan Evening Ministers Conference

Clergy Wives and Widows

Mrs. Betty Crawford, President
New York State Association of Ministers Wives and Ministers Widows
Mrs. Dorothy Eaton Jones, President
Interdenominational Ministers Wives and Widows, Local Chapter

Mrs. Cecelia E. Howard, Friend
Calvary Baptist Church, Haverstraw, NY

Mrs. Esther Daniels, Cousin

Song of Preparation Minister Gary Samuel
& Fellowship Music Ministry

The Eulogist Reverend Dr. Walter Martin, Son & Pastor
Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church

Final Viewing *Eternity Funeral Services Director*

Recessional "Take Me To The King"
Minister Gary Samuel & Fellowship Music Ministry

Repast

*Please join the family for repast and fellowship in the
Lower Fellowship Hall, Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church.*

Sewing Ushers

United Ushers Benevolent League

Interment

Saturday, December 12, 2015
Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery
Pineland, South Carolina

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Revelation 14:13

*Father asleep in Jesus! How precious is that word!
Enjoying now for evermore, the presence of the Lord
This is not death! 'Tis only sleep: The Lord doth now thy loved one keep.*

*The earthen vessel's broken, The Treasure now has flown,
The Lord hath taken back again. What is by right His own?
But when He takes what most we store, it is that He may give thee more.*

*Thou wouldst have gladly kept her, a little longer here,
To soothe, and nurse, and cherish, and make her wants thy care.
But He, Who death what is best, hath called her to Himself to rest.*

*As members of one body: in sympathy we weep
And yet rejoice because we know, in Jesus she doth sleep.
For all her pain and suffering's o'er. And joy her portion evermore.*

*'Tis not 'Goodbye,' beloved,
'Tis only just "farewell"
A little while – a moment, " We too with Christ shall dwell:
And so we dry the falling tear, because we know the Lord is near.*

*O, may the God of Comfort, His richest grace impart!
He fill up the aching void, Bind up thy broken heart;
And give thee now to look above, and rest in His unchanging love.*

Author Unknown





Acknowledgement

Words cannot begin to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for all your expressions of love during our bereavement. Only God knows the true extent of how much we appreciate all of you. We pray that He will bless each of you in a special way.



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