

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair and glasses. She is wearing a dark turtleneck under a bright blue, textured sweater. She is holding a small, clear, faceted object in her hands. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue with a large, light blue flower on the right side.

*Celebration of Life
For*

Marion Winifred Whitehead

Sunrise: August 8, 1923


Sunset: December 10, 2015

A white dove in flight, facing right, with its wings spread wide.

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Viewing: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Service: 5:00 p.m.

A white dove in flight, facing left, with its wings spread wide.

Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

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Obituary

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, **Marion Winifred Whitehead's** soul gracefully transitioned into eternal peace to be with the Lord. Marion was born on August 8, 1923 to the late Thomas and Alice Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, Mildred, Emma, John, Buddy, and Grayson, and her daughter, Yvonne.

Marion's first job was at Blumstein's department store on 125th Street, which didn't hire African Americans until 1929 and then only as elevator operators or stock attendants. During this time 75% of the sales were derived from the African American community. After a boycott, led by Reverend Johnson of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, which empowered blacks to "buy where you can work" she was hired in a clerical position. Marion was a long standing member at St. Martin's Church.

Subsequently, she started a career at Intermediate School 10 as a PTA volunteer, where her three youngest children attended. She was able to monitor their progress and contribute to their successful completion. She was elected to the position of PTA President and ended her career after her youngest child graduated. When that was accomplished, she embarked on a professional career at the Internal Revenue Service until her retirement in 1992.

After retirement, Marion and her daughter, Yvonne ran a successful tax preparation and travel agency in Harlem until her daughter's passing in 2011. Her favorite pastime included providing matriarchal support to her immediate and extended family and watching her favorite TV shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

She leaves a loving family to cherish her memory: sons, Christopher Columbus, Jon Thomas, Gregory Edward and Gary Stephan; grandchildren, Candis, Jacob, Lamont, Jarib, Jamal, Chantal, Noah, Jordan, Gary Jr., and Chaule'; great-grandchildren, Antoine, Jacob IV, Kristyn, Justina, Lamont Jr., Elijah and Samuel. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marion's legacy in life was pure and simple love. All who knew and loved her benefited from this legacy and even though she is no longer with us, her legacy continues to impact everyone that she touched.

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
(Isaiah 41:10)

Order of Service

Prelude..... The Organist

Processional

Hymn of Praise..... “Blessed Assurance”

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23Hope Whitehead

New Testament Reading - I Thessalonians 4:13-18Antonia Whitehead

Prayer of ComfortMs. Wyatt

Tributes..... Gary Whitehead
Gregory Whitehead
Angela Bell
Jon Whitehead

Obituary..... Ferne Mayes

EulogyMinister Keith Dennis
St. Lukes Baptist Church

MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little--but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me--but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss Me - But Let me Go!
Author Unknown

REPAST

Family and friends will be received at:
157-10 Riverside Dr. W • New York NY 10032 (North of 155th St.)
Jackie Brockington Community Room

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts, we wish to extend our thanks
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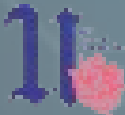
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