# In Loving Memory



# Martha Ann Clark-Coates

December 3, 1947 - April 3, 2016

#### Service

Friday, April 8, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

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### Obituary

**Martha Ann Clark-Coates** was born in New York City on December 3, 1947, the daughter of the late Leroy Harris and the late Mamie Jane Jenkins.

Martha grew up in Harlem, New York where she was known by her nickname "Peanut".

After losing her mother at the age of eleven, Martha was raised by her father, Leroy. After attending public elementary and middle school, she went on to graduate from Julia Richmond High School.

Martha began her career as a case worker for The Department of Human Resources of The City of New York, and because she enjoyed working and meeting people she also began working at Bloomingdales. Martha eventually retired after thirty plus successful years with New York City and Bloomingdales.

Martha was the proud mother of two daughters, Lauren and Stacy. She was very dedicated and committed to her daughters; she would later share this love and commitment with three grandchildren. Her commitment also included the love of her life, her best friend, Clyde Coates whom she married in 2003.

Martha enjoyed many things, but her true passion was reading and listening to music. She loved buying and trading books with other readers. She also loved to shop for her favorite things, pocket books and clothes. Most of all Martha loved spending her free time surrounded by family. Anything her grandchildren and great-grandchildren wanted she gave lovingly and freely.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy Harris and Mamie Jane Jenkins, her husband, Clyde W. Coates on April 16, 2015.

Martha Ann Clark-Coates leaves to cherish: her daughters, Lauren D. Jones and Stacy N. Davis, (Wil Davis); granddaughter, Ashley N. Brown; grandsons, Andrew J. Rodriguez and Tyler C. Thomas; great-grandchildren, Cameron J. Aguiar and Storee N. Aguiar; brother, Dwight W. Harris; and a host of cousins, family and friends.

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Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York To those I love and those that love me, When I am gone, release me, let me go I have so many things to see and do You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love, you can only guess How much you gave me in happiness

How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart I won't be far away,
for life goes on So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near And if you listen with your
heart you'll hear All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

## 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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