



*In Loving Memory of  
Josephine Offei*

*Sunrise  
June 3, 1960*

*Sunset  
April 27, 2016*

**Service**

*Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## Obituary

*Josephine Offei* was the first born of Josephine Moody and Jean Nicholas Lataillade.

Josephine Offei was the oldest of five children. She was a kind, gentle soul to all throughout her lifetime. Growing up, Josephine attended and graduated from Bronx High School of Science in 1978. From there she continued her education by attending and graduating with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology at Hunter College in 1983. Josephine later on got married to Emmanuel Rexford Offei in 1991. Just within that year they had their first daughter, Renee. Two short years later they had their second daughter, Giselle Toby Offei who was born in November.

Josephine Offei was a loving mother and caring friend. She was kindhearted and empathetic to everyone who came into her life. Josephine was most happiest when she was with her family helping her kids, nephews and co-workers navigating their way through life. She dedicated herself to working at NYCHA because she saw it as a platform to help people in her community and to maintain a steady life for her family. She loved long walks in the park with Goldie and reading books in the afternoon with her daughters.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two beautiful daughters, Renee and Giselle Toby Offei; two siblings, Jean Pierre and Catherine Lataillade; two nephews, Mark Simmons and Jean Pierre Veldon Walker; one grandniece, Lenaya Simmons; and a host of relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Heavenly Rest Cemetery  
East Hanover, New Jersey*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-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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