

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Catherine Leaks, a woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a patterned blue and white shirt. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus mix of purple, pink, and blue, with large, stylized pink and red flowers on the right side.

*Catherine Leaks*

*Sunrise: March 8, 1929*

*Sunset: July 1, 2016*

Service

*Saturday, July 9, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating*

*Latasha Jordan, Soloist*

## *Obituary*

*Catherine Leaks was born on March 8, 1929 to the late Rebecca Moore and Alberta Banks.*

*Catherine's first nine years were spent in her hometown of Clayton, North Carolina. At the age of nine, Catherine moved to New York City with her mother, where she spent the rest of her life. She completed her education in the New York City Public School system. Upon graduating from high school, she went to work for Bruno Industries, which manufactured airplane parts. She loved that job and worked there until they relocated to another state.*

*She later met and married the late John Leaks and together they had two daughters.*

*Catherine was not a churchgoing woman, but she was definitely a God-fearing woman. She loved and believed in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She truly loved her family and every year she looked forward to attending her family reunion in North Carolina and spending the summer away from New York City visiting many relatives and friends. She spent her Sundays watching gospel programs and cooking her Sunday dinner. She really enjoyed cooking.*

*She was always ready, willing and able to help out anyone. She never hesitated to lend a helping hand. She had a heart of gold.*

*She leaves to mourn: her beloved and heartbroken daughters, Karen Bowman (NYC) and Kathryn Moore (VA); three grandchildren, Kevin, LaTisa and Marcello; five great-grandchildren, Brianna, Kameron, Naomi, Djmal, Jr. and Kevin, Jr. She had special relationships with her cousins, Pearlie Moore (MD), Juanita Hinton (NC), Magnolia Blackmon (NC) and Hattie L. McNeil (MD); dear friends, Katie Townes (NC), Janet Hannibal (NYC) and Marie Edwards (NYC); god-daughter, Renee Thomas (PA); and a host of relatives and friends.*

*She will truly be missed. She may be gone from here, but she will never be forgotten....ever.*

*She has entered into God's heavenly garden where there will always be a shining star. The angels will glow, peace be mine, Amen.*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

*Latasha Jordan*

**Scripture Readings**

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner*

**Prayer**

**Selection**

*Latasha Jordan*

**Acknowledgements**

*Pat Johnson*

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

*Bonnie Bowman*

**Selection**

*Latasha Jordan*

**Eulogy**

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner*

**Committal**

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner*

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory*

*Chester, New York*

## *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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