

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Maude Potter, an elderly woman with short dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped cardigan over a blue collared shirt. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus field of red roses.

*Maude Potter*

*Sunrise: September 28, 1923*

*Sunset: August 9, 2016*

Service

*Friday, August 19, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating  
Bvron Neal, Organist*

## Obituary

**Maude Potter** was born on September 28, 1923, in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands to Albertina Benjamin Cyrus, and raised by her aunt, Carmelita.

As a teenager, she came to the United States, attended and graduated from Wadley High School in New York City. Soon after, she obtained a job as a seamstress, making bow ties for various businesses and private schools, where she retired from after numerous years.

On July 2, 1955, Maude married Arthur Potter at St. Paul's Methodist Church in the Bronx, NY. Though their union did not produce any biological children, Maude treated her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children.

After 93 years of life, she went home to be with the Lord. She leaves to mourn: her niece, Portia, husband, Allen and their three children, Allen II, Traiq and Brianna; her grandniece, Taeler; her niece/cousin, Alicia, her husband, Edwin and their three children, Varney, Chauncey, Kenya and their children; and a host of cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....The Family

Opening Prayer..... Ivy Dawson

Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 121.....Edwin Hodge

New Testament - John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27.....Varney Hodge

Solo.....Ethlyn Hutson

Words of Reflections

Obituary.....Portia Stevens

Eulogy

Benediction

Hymn....."It's Well With My Soul"

Entombment

*Woodlawn Mausoleum*

*Bronx, 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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