

In Loving Memory of



Gallista Manuel

Sunrise: May 31, 1922

Sunset: September 3, 2016

Service

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ALOYSIUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. 132nd Street • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Callista Manuel was born May 31, 1922 in Norfolk, Virginia. She was the daughter of Thomas Wright and Julia Wright. She was the youngest of fourteen children born to that union and one of the nine who survived. Her eight other brothers and sisters have all preceded her in death.

Her early education was at St. Joseph Elementary School in Virginia and she completed high school at Booker T. Washington High School after moving to New York City to live with her sister, Peggy.

She married William Manuel at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and that union produced Joyce, Joanne, William and Lennice.

She worked at Sterns Department Store until she obtained her employment at Mt. Sinai Hospital, where she worked until she retired after 27 years. She moved to the St. Nicholas Houses where she was among the first tenants. Her constant presence throughout the years has caused her to be loved by all even the children's children in the building. In her later years, "Ma" as she was affectionately called, could be seen everyday sitting on the bench where she directed all young and old to go to the corner store for her.

She was a lifetime member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church until her passing on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Riverside Nursing Home.

She leaves to mourn: her four children, Joyce, Joanne, William and Lennice; eight grandchildren, Jaleen, Sean, JaShawn, DiJon, Milani, Semar, Zikera and Karleem (Poppy) who preceded her in passing; seventeen great-grandchildren, Sean, Jr., Leslie, D'Andre, Tori, Jelani, Amari, Raheim, Karleem, Jr., Dijon, Jr., Jahmir, Bryce, Jourdan, Mikial, Miylin, Jelani, Zykeya and Joy; three step-grands; one great-great granddaughter, Liberty; one great-great grandson, Kyan; and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Greeting and Blessing of Body – Fr. Victor

Processional Hymn

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament

Psalm Response

New Testament

Gospel Reading – Fr. Victor

Homily– Fr. Victor

Gift Bearers

Intercessions

Musical Selection - Dionne McClean

Offertory Hymn - Choir

Eucharistic Prayer and Communion

Communion Hymn – Choir

Communion Meditation

Obituary – Val

Reflections

Final Commendation – Fr. Victor

Closing Hymn - Dionne McClean

Interment

*Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Pinelawn, 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

John 14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acknowledgement

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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