

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Fraulein Virginia Coles*

*Sunrise*  
August 7, 1936

*Sunset*  
December 10, 2016

*Service*

Friday, December 16, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**First Congregational Church of Morrisania**

761 East 166th Street, Bronx, NY 10456

**Pastor William Rice, Jr., Officiating**

**Pro. Tyrone Patrick, Organist**

# Order of Service

Presiding, Pastor William Rice, Jr.

Prelude

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Selection .....“Near The Cross”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 90:1-6

New Testament – 11 Corinthians 5:1-8

Prayer of Comfort .....Minister

Selection .....“Over in the Glory Land” (organist)

Obituary .....Michelle Coles DeBrosse

Selection .....“I Won’t Complain”

Poetry Reading .....Lois Williams

Precious Moments .....Family and Friends

Solo .....Penny Dossett-Gamble

Eulogy .....Pastor William Rice, Jr.

Final Viewing

Committal

Benediction

Recessional .....“When We Get To Heaven”

## Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

## *Reflections of Life*

*Fraulein Virginia Timber Coles* was born in New York City, New York to the proud parents of George Timber and Lois Pierce Timber on August 7, 1936. She was the seventh of nine children.

*Fraulein* matriculated through the New York City public school system. She graduated from Lehman College, Bronx, NY with a B.A. degree in Social Work.

While roller skating at Gay Blades Roller Rink in New York City, she met her husband, Earl Coles, Sr. They married on October 28th, 1954 and roller skated through life for 44 years. During that time, they had five children; Lois, Donna, Earl Jr., Michelle and Robbin.

Although her real name was *Fraulein*, she was affectionately know by a wide variety of names, Mommy, Ma, Auntie, Ginger, Virginia and Ms. "G". But the name that stuck the most was Ginger.

Ginger and her family moved into Millbrook Houses in 1957; being one of the first families to move into the projects. She resided in three buildings, 600, 620, and lastly 640. She started her career working for East Side House Settlement in the middle 1960's in Millbrook Community Center. She was one of the original mothers in the Millbrook Mother's Club. In Millbrook Community Center, she held many positions where she started working in their head start program when the program just got started. She transferred from Millbrook Community Center to Patterson Community Center as an Assistant Director and was later promoted to Director of the center. Throughout her career in East Side House Settlement, she counseled and helped shaped many young people lives who came up in the community. She was loved and respected by co-workers and all who knew her; from the parents who left their children in her care and the children who she loved and nurtured.

She loved to sing, many don't know but she had a great voice! She was also a very good cook. She was great at art, and could draw anything and was known for her holiday murals and Christmas tree decorating skills in Millbrook, Patterson and East Side House. She was also a great swimmer. She loved traveling, with the Bahamas being her special place to vacation.

Ginger was the last surviving member of her family. She was the last chapter in the life and times of "The Pierce, Fabio, and Timber" family saga. Ginger was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Sr., son Earl Jr. and daughter Donna. Left to mourn her are daughters, Lois, Michelle (Richard DeBrosse); Robbin (Derrell Taylor); grandchildren Donnell, Jr., (Sandra Whitfield), Hope, Raven, Nadege, Richard, and Derrell, Jr. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews too many to mention, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews as well, god daughter Elicia, and daughters that she had adopted throughout the years.....sisters, I'm sure you know who you are, and many friends.

Mommy, you know what you meant to us, forever there for us and will always be in our hearts. We will always love and cherish you until the end of time.

Loving submitted by,  
Sandy, Shelly and Robbin

## *To Those I Love*

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  
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*

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and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to  
them in their time of sorrow.*

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