

A portrait of Marjorie Atkins, an elderly Black woman with glasses, wearing a red and white floral patterned top. The background of the entire page is a light purple gradient with white floral and vine motifs.

*In Loving
Memory of*

Marjorie Atkins

Sunrise: August 12, 1937

Sunset: March 11, 2017

Service

Monday, March 20, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Marjorie Atkins was born on August 12, 1937 to Elnora Mitchell and Eleazer Brinkley in Enfield, North Carolina. Margie was raised by her loving grandmother, the late Hattie Atkins. Marjorie affectionately known as "Margie" or "Aunt Margie", graduated from Ward School in Halifax, NC. After finishing school, Margie migrated up north to New York City in search of a better life. Margie worked as a switchboard operator at the J. Henry Schroder Bank and Trust Company. She also worked at a law firm until she retired.

Margie was raised in the church. She was baptized at a young age and attended church regularly. Margie once was a gospel singer in Rev. James Cleveland's singing groups in North Carolina. She listened to her favorite gospel music every day and read her Bible every morning. Those who knew her knew that she never went anywhere without her Bible.

Margie was the matriarch of the family. Family dinners at her house were times when the family got together to partake in the great food that Margie always cooked and to enjoy each other's company.

Margie was such a beautiful person. She was the most unselfish and generous person that anyone could ever know. She had a smile that would light up any room. She was kind, loving, funny and non-judgmental. She had so much wisdom to offer and always gave excellent advice.

Margie becomes a second mother to her cousin Mary's children after their father James passed away unexpectedly. Margie was a second mother to Dawn, James, Jr. and Dexter. She was grandmother to Eddie, Taniesha, Christopher and Kiana. Margie was great grandmother to Mya. Margie and her cousin Mary had a sisterly bond that could never be broken. That bond lasted until Mary's passing in 1994.

Preceding her in death are her daughter, Diane; grandmother, Hattie Atkins; nephew, Dexter Johnson whom she lovingly raised; her mother, Elnora Mitchell Lyons; father, Eleazer Brinkley; step father, Horace Lyons, Sr.; brother, Robert Brinkley; sister, Shirley Lyons Farmer; cousins, Mary Speed and James Speed.

Margie leaves to mourn: her longtime friend and confidant, Mr. Earl Peoples; loving children that Margie so proudly raised, Dawn Speed and James Speed, Jr.; grandchildren, Eddie Phillips, Jr., Taniesha McCartha, Christopher McCartha and Kiana Turner; great granddaughter, Mya Oliver; her brothers, Charles Brinkley (Alice), Forrest Brinkley and Horace Lyons, Jr. (Edith); sisters, Dorothy Mercer, Virginia Guy, Helen Guy and Mary Lyons Leak; her cousins, Evangeline Simmons, Marie Simmons, Erma Jean Hopkins and Leroy Simmons; niece, Lynette Simmons; nephews, Kendall Simmons, Jeffrey Hopkins and George Turner; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A special thank you to Mrs. Carol Adrio and Mrs. Theresa Guenther for being such good friends to her.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection....."Take Me To The King".....Brother Sanders

Invocation

Old Testament Scripture.....Minister Patricia Wilson

New Testament Scripture.....Minister Patricia Wilson

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Patricia Wilson

Musical Selection

"Jesus Is The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me"

Brother Sanders

Remarks and Reflections.....Family and Friends

The Reading of the Obituary.....Dawn Speed

Musical Selection....."Stand"..... Brother Sanders

The Eulogy.....Minister Patricia Wilson

Final Viewing "Goin' Up Yonder"Brother Sanders

Benediction.....Members of the Chapel

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

May I Go Now

*May I go now
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain - filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be,
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?
I fought with all my might,
but something seems to draw me now,
To a warm and lovely light.*

*Thank you so for loving me,
you know I love you too.
That's why it's hard to say goodbye
and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time
and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*

-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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