

*Home Going Celebration
for*



Virginia Lynn McMillian

Sunrise: August 15, 1929

Sunset: August 14, 2017

Service

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 10:00 am

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Johnnie McCann, Officiating

Obituary

On August 14, 2017, **Virginia Lynn McMillian** of New York, New York, was called home to be with the Lord. Born on August 15, 1929, in Robeson County, North Carolina, to Hector and Willie Mae Griffin, Virginia was one of six children in her family.

At an early age, she joined the First Baptist Church in Fairmont, North Carolina. Shortly after graduating from Rosewald High School in Fairmont, Virginia, she married Samuel McMillian, Sr. In the early 1960s, she left North Carolina to seek a better life for her family. She moved them to New York City, where she settled in Harlem and worked in the hotel trade industry for more than 32 years.

Virginia was the heart of her large family. As her children left her home, they never lost her attention. She talked to her family and friends daily, and was a trusted advisor and confidant for many of them. Her home was always filled with her children and grandchildren, and she helped raise Craig, Jr. (CJ), one of her grandchildren. As much as she loved to support her family, she also loved to feed them. She was happy to cook and bake for them, and most Sundays were like holidays, as friends and family of all ages gathered in her home for lots of food, laughter, reminiscences, and debates.

The debates and discussions were often about politics because Virginia always kept up with current events and headlines of the day by watching CNN and reading newspapers and magazines—and she loved to discuss what she had learned. One of her favorite topics of discussion was her beloved president, Barack Obama. When Virginia wasn't filling her head with news and politics, she filled her spirit with the sermons and teachings of her favorite pastors such as TD Jakes and Charles Stanley, among others. Of course, she always found time to check in on the Abbotts and the Newmans on *The Young and the Restless*.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six children, Qulardean, Samuel, Jr. (Elaine), Phillip (Arlene), Beverly Carol, Annetta (Darnell) and Craig (Deborah); and one brother, William N. Griffin (Linda). She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Edward, and her four siblings. She had 24 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, and her very special friends, Edna Harkness and Florence Martin, who will all miss her loving presence in their lives.

We loved her, but we realize that God loved her best.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE "It is Well with My Soul"

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

INVOCATION Rev. Johnnie McCann

SCRIPTURES READINGS

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Jacquelyn Brown

New Testament - John 14:1-7 Deacon Ruth Corbett

SELECTION "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Rev. David Jenkins

PRAYER OF COMFORT Minister Richard Thompson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OF CONDOLENCES Patricia Cunningham

OBITUARY Patricia Cunningham

REFLECTIONS Gerald Williams
Craig McMillian

SELECTION "Precious Lord"
Rev. David Jenkins

EULOGY Rev. Johnnie McCann

RECESSIONAL "Soon and Very Soon"

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
355 East Linden Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036

REPAST

Maple Court Community Room
1901 Madison Avenue (Between 122nd St. and 123rd St.)
New York, NY 10035

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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Pallbearers

Gerald Williams	Ronald Williams
Craig McMillian, Jr. (CJ)	Darnell Michael Harker
DeQuan Ford	Phillip McMillian (Couger)
Cemal Ford	Anthony McMillian
Jahmeel Ford	Tyshawn Brown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Virginia McMillian** wishes to thank and acknowledge the many expressions of love, kindness and concern shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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