

Memorial Celebration of



Mrs. Mary Arlene Dressley

Sunrise: January 22, 1940

Sunset: September 22, 2017

Service

Friday, October 6, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Mary Arlene Pressley was born in Andrews, South Carolina on January 22, 1940 to her parents, Azalee Miller McGill and Carl McGill. She went to Warsaw Elementary School in Bloomingville, South Carolina. She also attended Tomlinson High School in Kingstree, South Carolina where she completed the ninth grade. After her mother passed away in 1948, she lived with her grandfather, Weary McGill and his granddaughter, Sadie and her husband, Olin McCray. Growing up she was a tomboy who liked to play basketball with the neighborhood boys. She worked in the fields after school helping to harvest the crops on her family's farm.

She was married to Cleveland Pressley on August 10, 1955 and they lived with his parents, Peter and Lucille Pressley in Morrisville, South Carolina. It was there her first child, Betty Jean was born in February of 1956. The family moved to New York City in 1957 where she had a second child, Annie Jane in March of 1958. Her third child Anthony, was born in January of 1961.

During her life she worked on several factory jobs. In the 1960's and during the 1980's, she worked as a Home Health Care Worker.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1948 and her father in 2007. Her son, Anthony passed away in 1966 and her husband, Cleveland in 2013. Her daughter, Betty died in 2016. She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Annie; her sister, Jannie McGill Brown in Charleston, South Carolina; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren, Lashawn Pressley and her son, Javante, Nikeya Pressley Stuart, her husband, Cory and their son, Sha'ul, Xavier Pressley and his daughter, Tavana, Trevain Jenkins, Tiara Pressley and her daughter, Heaven, Trevor (David) Jenkins, Isaiah Bennett and James Powell; her nephew, Donald McGill who lives in Seattle, Washington and his son, Donald Jr. in Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of cousins and other relatives who will remember her fondly.

She loved to travel and visit new places and always had a zest for life. She also loved a good party and enjoyed socializing with her friends, many of them who have preceded her in death. She began her life as a country girl and grew into a strong, independent woman who learned to stand on her own through all the trials and tribulations that life threw her way. She always put the needs of her two children and the three grandchildren she raised before her own. She spent the last years of her life in the Daughters of Jacob Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, but she always had a smile on her whenever she received a visitor. Her sickness wore her down, but now she has gone to her heavenly reward to God, our Father.

In God's care, you rest above. In our hearts, you rest with love.

Lovingly submitted by the Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

There's always a silver lining, there's always a silver lining somewhere in the sky.
To bring your troubled souls new hope and lift your spirits high.
When disappointments come your way accept them with a smile.
For deep down in your heart you know they only last awhile.
Do not believe you walk alone because you never do.
Hold out your hand and you will find that God is there with you.
- Harold F. Mohn

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Acknowledgement

The Pressley family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support in this difficult time. May God smile lovingly on each and every one of you.
- The Pressley Family

2352 8th Avenue • Manhattan, NY • (212) 666-8300
1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY • (718) 774-1023
1018 Prospect Avenue • Bronx, NY • (718) 542-3833

Clifford V. James, President & CEO
www.unityfuneralchapels.com
email: unityfc@aol.com

"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"

