

*In Loving Memory of*



*Catherine E. Rorex*

*Sunrise: January 25, 1916*

*Sunset: October 23, 2017*

Service

*Thursday, November 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating*

*Luke Elmore, Organist*

## Obituary

*Catherine Evans Rorex, a beloved sister, aunt, great aunt, great great aunt transitioned peacefully on October 23, 2017 at 3:04pm while holding Heidi-baby's hand.*

*The late Catherine E. Rorex was born on January 25, 1916. She was the second child of Jack P. Evans and Kate Owens of Prince George County, Virginia. She received her education in the public school of Disputanta, VA. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Loving Union Baptist Church.*

*In the 1930's, she migrated to New York City seeking employment. She was an excellent seamstress. She met and married Ralph Rorex on November 22, 1946 in New York City. They were together for 37 years, before his demise on February 11, 1983. There were no children from this union.*

*Catherine was a long-standing and devoted member of Abyssinian Baptist Church. In her later years, she joined Shiloh Baptist Church until her health began to fail. An active member of Drew Hamilton Senior Center, Catherine also participated as a member of the tenant patrol. Auntie Catherine, as she was affectionately known, had a winning smile and a laugh that would stop you in your tracks. She loved to bake, cook and talk. Her favorite things in the whole wide world were sweets and a HOT cup of coffee. Even in her last days, her memory of her family history was intact.*

*She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Rorex, her sisters, Grace Hopkins, Ann Brown, Susie Holt and her brother, John Evans.*

*Catherine leaves to cherish her memories: one sister, Daisy Evans Thomas Morgan; niece, Barbara Miller; nephew, Wilbert "Old Sparrow Legs" Holt (Rosemary Holt); niece, Belinda; niece and god-daughter, Yvette Felicia Thomas; god-daughter, Carol Thomas; a host of great, and great great nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.*

*A special thank you to Heidi, Hector, Wilbert and Felicia for the help, love and support given. **From slavery to seeing a Black man become president, Auntie Catherine fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished the course.***

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Patricia Smith*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Patricia Moore*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Yvette Felicia Thomas*

*Selection*

*Nicole Elaine Phifer*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Calverton National Cemetery*

*Calverton, 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*

## *Acknowledgement*

*A special thank you to Caryl Rossner and the 6th floor staff of Jewish Home - Friedman 6. 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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