

In Loving Memory of



Martha Lewis

Sunrise: April 26, 1940

Sunset: October 30, 2017

Service

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - 10:00 AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Rev. Anthony Hicks, Officiating

Sweet Spirit Baptist Church

770 Howard Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11212

Henry Key, Organist

Obituary

Martha Vera Lewis Griffin was born on April 26, 1940 to the late Grant and Claudia Lewis in Augusta, Georgia. She was the baby girl of nine children.

Martha attended Lucy Laney High School in Augusta, Georgia. In 1955, she met the late Bennell Griffin. Three years later they married and through this union, nine children were introduced to the world. In 1965, Martha and the late Bennell moved to Harlem, New York with their children. Twelve years later after the death of a child, they moved to Brooklyn.

Martha lovingly known as “Vera” or “Ms. G,” was known throughout the neighborhood as a kind and caring mom. She would do any and everything for her children and grandchildren. She simply didn’t play when it came to them and she would tell you just how it was. She took two of her grandchildren, Freddy and Fee, in her care and made them her own. She was a member of Sweet Spirit Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

On October 30, 2017, Martha entered into eternal rest at Northshore Forest Hills Hospital. She is preceded in death by her parents Grant and Claudia Lewis; Siblings, Rev. Grant Lewis, William Lewis, Queen Bell, and Rosa Lee Moye. Her husband, Bennell Griffin, and two children, Jennifer Lewis and Kenya Griffin.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her wonderful memories, three brothers, Prince Lewis, Robert Lewis, and John Lewis; sister, Claudia Russell; nine children, Bennell Lewis, Frederick Lewis, Timothy Lewis, Kevin Griffin, Thayer Griffin, Vernell Griffin, Martha Griffin-Nelson, Fredrina Lewis, and Frederick Lewis, Jr.; four daughters-in-law, Yvette Lewis, Latifah Lewis, Angela Griffin, and Trellis Griffin; one son-in-law, Glenn Nelson; one brother-in-law and one sister-in-law, twenty five grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, one God-son, three childhood friends, Cora Fletcher, Nora Williams, and Bernice Johnson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

We love you Ma and miss you so much! You will always be in our Hearts.

Love,
Your Children

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Solo.....Mesha

Acknowledgments and Reading of Cards..... Kawana Coleman

Reflections..... Calinda Lewis

Obituary..... Bennell Lewis & Kawana Coleman

Poem.....Kollyn-Marya Coleman

Solo..... Billy Ray Johnson

Eulogy..... Rev. Anthony Hicks

Committal & Benediction

Parting View

Recessional

Interment

*Fairlawn Memorial Park
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

*There are angels God puts on this earth
who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.*

*They do great things for us every day.
They whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.*

*They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.*

*God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own,
She's been with me throughout my life,
been with me as I've grown.*

*She's guided me the best she can,
She's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
Who gets to call her Mother.*

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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