

*Celebrating The Life of*



*Viola Richardson*

*August 29, 1923 - December 4, 2017*

**Memorial Service**

***Thursday, December 14, 2017 - 12:00 Noon***

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating*

*Latasha Jordan, Organist*

## Obituary

*Viola passed away peacefully the afternoon of December 4th. She was surrounded by loving family, friends and caregivers during the last months of her life.*

*Viola was born in Bessemer, Alabama to Tom and Ellen Brown on August 29, 1923. She was preceded in death by her sister Bernice and brothers Clarence and Johnnie. Viola married Sandford Richardson in 1948. After nearly fifty years of marriage LOVE continued to be the glue that held them together. Viola was so happy and proud of her strong, hard-working husband. Viola sweetly referred to him as "Mr. Richardson" and Sandford lovingly called her "Baby." They travelled and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially in Miami and New York until he passed in 1997.*

*Viola was a very independent woman who prepared herself to be productive in the workforce and had an array of jobs. In 1957, she earned a Certificate of Qualification as a Power Sewing Machine Operator and made clothes for herself and others. She also trained as a neonatal nurse and became an outstanding nanny for several children. In 1991 she retired after 22 years of service at the Forest Electric Corporation.*

*Viola was a Christian who deeply loved God. In the words of Reverend Price of Convent Avenue Baptist Church, "Viola was a wonderful woman, a blessing to all of us. Viola loved and lived the word of God." She was an active member of Convent Avenue Baptist Church and taught Sunday School Class 7 for many years. Viola was always ready to help anyone in need. Her loving ways and beautiful smile were an encouragement to all who came across her path. Viola will be greatly missed.*

*Viola will lovingly be remembered by her Nephews: John (Cecelia), Paul, Nathaniel, Kevin, Dwayne; Nieces: Roberta, Linda, Sarah, Vivian, Kimberly, Debra, Regina; Grandchildren: Charlie Jr, Viola, Nicole; Great Grandchildren: Catherine, Kamilah, DeMonte, Breeana, Jacynta; Grandnieces: Mari (Kwame), Lisa, Stacey, Kai, Jasmine (Ronald); Grandnephews: Alfred (Keri), Troy (Shelia), Mark (Whitney); and a host of devoted friends and loved ones including: Michelle, Shania, Gloria, Kim, Beula, Betty, Vera, Hull, Ruth, Olga, Johnnie Mae, Annette and Shirley.*

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Musical Prelude..... "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Processional

Selection....."What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Prayer .....Rev. David Jenkins

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalm 121 KJV

New Testament.....John 14: 1-3

Expressions of Love..... Friends and Family

Poem " A New Address".....Kim Manning

Obituary - Silently....."Goin Up Yonder"

Selection ..... "Take Me To The King"

Eulogy..... Rev. David Jenkins

Benediction

Recessional



## *Psalm 121(KJV)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper:  
The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.  
The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from  
this time forth, and even for evermore.

## *Thank You*

Thank you everyone for your kindness, concern and heartfelt sympathy  
Reverend Price, Deacon Hand, Deacon Martin, Ollie, Isabelle  
Convent Avenue Baptist Church Family, Donovan, Derek, Wayne, Devon,  
Ruth, Debra, James

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