

In Loving Memory of



Hazel Gray Van Horn

Sunrise: December 9, 1937

Sunset: January 15, 2018

Memorial Service

Monday, January 22, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Evelyn Mayrant, Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Organist

Obituary

Hazel Gray Van Horn was born in Williamston, North Carolina to the late Emma Moore and William Dempsey. She spent her early years in North Carolina and moved to New York City in the late 50's. Hazel met her sweetheart, Columbus Jack Van Horn, Sr. (deceased) and they married on April 17, 1961.

Once Hazel arrived in New York City, she worked many jobs until she found her passion as a well-known seamstress. She went on to design for influential people such as judges, news anchors and celebrities. As her favorite pastime, Hazel designed clothing for herself, family and friends. Hazel also worked at some of the more fashionable boutiques on Madison and Park Ave. such as Linda Dressner and Worldly Things.

Hazel then joined Bethany Baptist Church, where she became a dedicated member. Along with attending Sunday School and Bible Study, Hazel was a former Missionary and a member of the Mass Choir. She also utilized her skills in sewing for special occasions at the church. Hazel became the Food Person, who prepared, planned and served meals for the children of the afterschool program.

Hazel was loved by many and became affectionately known as "Mom".

Hazel is survived by: her two children, Rhonda Gray Van Horn and Columbus Jack Van Horn, Jr.; one sister, Doris Clemmons of Williamston, NC; and two brothers, Clifton Rease and wife, Diane of Williamston, NC and William Dempsey of Brooklyn, NY. Hazel had two sisters to precede her in death, Vivian L. Moore and Susan Dempsey. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws from New Brunswick and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Prayer.....Rev. Evelyn Mayrant

Song of Praise.....Mass Choir of Bethany

Old Testament ReadingDeacon Richard Hargrove

New Testament ReadingDeacon Theodore Copeland

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Leroy Thomas

Hymn of Praise....."Oh Happy Day" - Mass Choir of Bethany

Reflections(Two minutes or less)

Reading of Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Dorothy Cooper

Reading of the ObituaryMr. Timothy Manning

Solo....."I Want Complain" - Mr. Gary Samuels

Hymn of Praise.....Mass Choir of Bethany

SermonetteRev. Evelyn Mayrant

Benediction

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

Farewell My Friends

*It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever
Save the pain I'll leave behind.
Those dear hearts who love and care...
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul...
The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.
At every turning of my life I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell, my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears for I need them not
All I need is your smile.
If you feel sad do think of me
For that's what I'll like when you live in the hearts
Of those you love, remember then
You never die.
Gitanjali Ghei, inspirational poet (1961 - 1977)*

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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