

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing glasses, a dark jacket, and a light-colored scarf. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, pinkish-white floral pattern. To the right of her head is a large, detailed pink rose.

*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*

*Mary Lucille Walker Whitfield*

**Sunrise**  
**August 21, 1922**

**Sunset**  
**May 27, 2020**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 - 5pm**  
**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**  
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**Additional Service**  
**St. Thomas Grove Baptist Church**  
**Viewing: Friday, June 12, 2020 - 2:00pm - 6:30pm**  
**Funeral: Saturday, June 13, 2020 -11:00am**

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

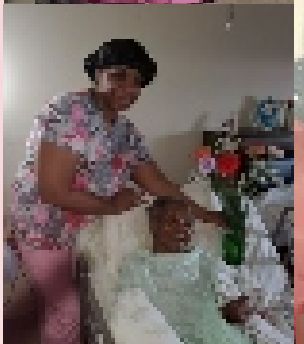
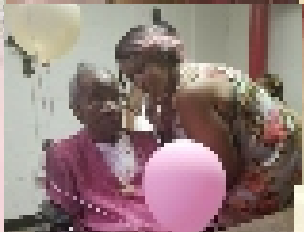
Viewing

Recessional

## *Interment*

St. Thomas Grove Church Cemetery  
Barnswell, South Carolina





# *Obituary*

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**Mary Lucille Walker Whitfield** was born on August 21, 1922. She was the fourth of eleven children born to the late Deacon James (Hester Harris) Walker in Dumbarton, South Carolina. Mary departed this life on May 27, 2020 in her home in New York, New York.

Mary lived a long fulfilling life after graduating from 4 Mile High School in South Carolina. Mary went on to attend Sumter College to receive her Bachelor Degree in Education in 1950, later on moving to New York in 1953. Mary enrolled in Nursing school as she worked for the Fiffa family. She met and later married the late Mr. Isaiah Whitfield on August 30th 1969 in Niagara Falls.

Mary had a loving son who preceded her in death, the late Mr. Calvin Walker, better known as "Happy". Mary was baptized at an early age at the St. Thomas Grove Baptist Church in Barnswell, SC. Her faith in Christ continued in New York. She joined the Southern Baptist Church where she was a longtime faithful and dedicated member until she could no longer travel.

Mary's devoted nieces, Aminda and LaShun attended to her needs as she was no longer able, both preceded her in death. Mary also had seven siblings to preceded her in death, brothers, Maehue and Thomas Walker of New York and Abraham Walker of Florida; and sisters, Amanda Lanham and Martha Petersen of New York, Leah Dunbar of Georgia and Thelma Walker of Florida.

Mary was a loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. She was a friend and confidant to all who knew her.

She is survived by: her loving sister, Ms. Evelyn Carswell of New York, NY; two brothers, Mr. Horace Walker of Augusta, GA and Mr. Thessalonia Walker of Miami, FL; stepdaughter, Ms. Shirley Walker of Buffalo, NY; granddaughters, Ms. Latrice and Ms. Tierra of Buffalo, NY; sixteen nieces, eleven nephews, forty-two great nieces, thirty-five great nephews, fifty-six great great nieces; forty-five great great nephews, four great great great nephews, one great great niece; and a host of other cousins, family and friends.



## *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## *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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