

*Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Girtha L. Alston*

Sunrise  
January 18, 1944

Sunset  
July 9, 2022

**Friday, July 15, 2022 - 7:30pm**

**New Grace Tabernacle Christian Center**

1745 Pacific Street • Brooklyn, New York

*Host Pastor J. David Wright*

*Apostle Kenneth Jones, Officiant*

# Obituary

Girtha Lorraine Alston; the 9th beloved child of 10 children born to the late George A and Mabel H. Alston, was born on January 18, 1944 in Warren County, NC. On Saturday, July 9, 2022, she answered the Master's call and went to her eternal home with the Lord. Girtha was preceded in death by all of her siblings; Katy, Samuel, Ira, Fannie, Lloyd, Edith, Willie, John, Kelly and two adopted brothers; Anthony and Saint Paul.

She graduated from John R. Hawkins High School in 1962. She attended Durham Business College and graduated with a degree in Secretarial Science. Girtha worked as a Secretary at the Harris and Turner Funeral Home in Warrenton, NC for many years and also did Tax Preparation for many people in the Warren and Vance County area. She continued her tax preparation work here in New York City along with other business helps.

Girtha loved and enjoyed her family. She was devoted to taking care of her Mother and Father until their death. She was the family historian; you could ask her anything about her ancestors and she could tell you.

Girtha was a great cook. She was known for her delicious potato salad, corn pudding, chopped BBQ, sweet potato and coconut pies that we all enjoyed.

Girtha accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Fork Chapel Baptist Church. In 1979, she relocated to Brooklyn, NY and then became a member of Jenkins Thriving Temple C.O.G.I.C. There, she became the Youth Church Mother for many years. She held many programs and activities for the young people, including fellowships in her home. Later in 2005, she became a member of Rivers of Life C.O.G.I.C., now The New Rivers of Life Church, under the leadership of Apostle Kenneth Jones. She was an active member of the church, giving her tithes and offerings faithfully, even while ill. She served on the Mother's Board, Intercessory Prayer Team and served as Vice Chair of the Church Anniversary Committee and later became the Chairperson of the Church Anniversary Committee. She took her responsibilities seriously and did all she could to perfect every area in which she served. Her love for Noonday prayer was evident; in that she was faithful to being on the conference line, during the pandemic and led us every Monday afternoon in prayer. She also pressed and joined the noonday or Thursday evening calls and still uttered her words in prayer. This Spirit of Prayer and Intercession spilled over into her family, which she organized and conducted the weekly prayer calls every Tuesday evening for the past few years!

She soared in life, ministry, and went about her daily business with grace and love! She defied medical science over the years and although recently hospitalized, she continued to abound. Her charm radiated and many health professionals knew of her, talked with her and loved her company and sweet spirit. Girtha always said her faith was "high" and that she was holding on to Jesus! She departed this life peacefully surrounded by loved ones and caring medical staff at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

She leaves to celebrate her life; a multitude of nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, all of whom loved her dearly and many saw her as a 'second mom'; Sisters in law; Loretta Alston (NY) and Marinda Alston (NY); 1 Brother in law; Gene Wedner (NY), a host of cousins, friends, The New Rivers of Life Church family and members of the Body of Christ.

WELL DONE (MOTHER/AUNT/SISTER) GIRTHA L. ALSTON. Rest in Jesus!

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family

# Order of Service

*Elder Shakema Knight, Presider*

*Invocation/Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Bob Caze*

*Old Testament ..... Psalms 118 - Teacher J. Thomas*

*New Testament ..... 2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 17-18  
..... Minister C. Johnson*

*Hymn of Worship..... “ Blessed Assurance”  
..... (led by Pastor Marc Reddick)*

*Felicitations from The New Rivers of Life*

- 1. Mother Vicki Jones*
- 2. Minister Clifton Johnson*
- 3. Sis. Marilyn Ramirez*

*Selection*

*Felicitations representing Jenkins Thriving Temple .....  
..... Prophetess Kartisha Odom*

*Friends Representations*

*Family Representations*

*Clergy Remarks*

*Reading of the Obituary..... Prophetess Yvonne McIntosh*

*Selection..... “Strong Finish/Strong Faith”*

*Eulogy..... Apostle Kenneth Jones*

*Final Viewing*

*Benediction*

## Interment

Fork Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery  
Warrenton, North Carolina

## *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!*



## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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