



*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*

**MARY**  
*Goodman*

Sunrise: September 27, 1927 - Sunset: July 15, 2022

Sunday, July 24, 2022 - 4pm

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# Obituary

**Mary** was the only child of the late Herman Alexander and Easter Baker born on September 27, 1927 in Pinetta, Madison County, Florida. When her parents moved to New York for employment, she remained with her grandparents on their farm, where she had fond memories of living with them. After completing her schooling, she moved to New York to live with her mother.

In 1951, she married William Goodman and from this union they had one child Eric Goodman. She was employed at a paper factory when her cousin, Tessie Simpson Teemer convinced her to pursue a career in nursing. Her nursing training was done at Roosevelt Hospital on Welfare Island, in New York. After studying to become a licensed practical nurse in 1956, she was able to secure a job with Sydenham Hospital. During her career at Sydenham she worked on many nursing units, taking care of patients. She advanced to head nurse in the emergency room until the hospital closed in 1980. During this time, she went back to school to get her GED, bachelor's degree at St. Joseph's College and her RN license at Queensborough Community College. For a short time she worked in an ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In 1981, she worked at Harlem Hospital in the Detox Unit until her retirement in 1992. She gave a full life of service to others.

After retirement she was always on the go. She was an active member of many local organizations volunteering with several committees including, the Manhattanville Tenant's Association, Saint Charles Borromeo Church Rosary Committee, Renaissance Auxiliary Health Center and the local AARP Organization. Not to be out done, at age 92 she took classes at the Citizens Police Academy, completing the course and received her certificate.

Mary enjoyed shopping, playing bingo and traveling the world and just staying active. Her motto was "I will enjoy this time on earth while I can."

Mary is survived by: her loving son, Eric Goodman; four goddaughters, Gina Watts, Valerie Turner, Sharon Kitchings, and Alfreda Reeves; two brothers, Sammie Davis (deceased) and Charles Oxidine; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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## **FUNERAL LITURGY**

Gathering Hymn  
Processional Hymn  
Opening Prayer

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading: Old Testament

### **Responsorial**

Second Reading: New Testament

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Remarks  
Homily

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn  
Communion Hymn  
Communion Meditation  
Obituary - *Yvonne Weekes*  
Commendation

### **Recessional Hymn**

## **INTERMENT:**

Long Island National Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

# Remember Me

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.  
Task 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 with remembering joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with time of sorrow;  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been good I've savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
My time with you was not that brief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

*In lieu of flowers, please donate to Mary's favorite charity.  
Make checks payable to: LifeForce in Later Years.*

**Please put in the memo section of the check:  
In Memory of Mary Goodman**

**LifeForce in Later Years  
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## Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all the cards, telephone calls, prayers, visits, and other sympathetic gestures.*

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