

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Mildred Goodhope*

**Sunrise: December 27, 1942**

**Sunset: September 4, 2022**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022 - 10am**

**Friendly Baptist Church**

**962 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452**



# Obituary

**Mildred Goodhope** was born to John and Harnetha Ray on December 27, 1942 in Red Springs, North Carolina. She was the second older sister, and Mildred was preceded in death by her parents and beloved siblings, John Charles Ray, Gloria Anderson and Yvette Ray. She was raised in Harlem, New York and continued to live there her entire life. Mildred passed away on September 4, 2022 surrounded by her family.

Mildred attended Public School 123 in Harlem. She became a certified word processor in 1987. She later pursued further education and went on to obtain her High School Diploma/GED in 1995.

At the age of 18, Mildred married John H. Goodhope on January 7, 1961. From this union they went on to have four beautiful children, John Goodhope, Jr., Michael Goodhope, Janice Goodhope, and Pamela Goodhope. Unfortunately, Johnnie, Michael and Janice preceded her in death. Mildred dedicated her life to raising her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of whom were very special to her. She raised two of her grandchildren, Geron and Shakaia as her own. She would refer to Shakaia as her baby, her chocolate doll. She was determined to make sure that they all learned how to read and write and that they were successful. She enjoyed spending time with her 13 grandchildren and loved spending time with her great grandchildren. She even naming Shannon after her hometown in North Carolina. She named Saniyah Flossy. Each grandchild had their own special nickname given to them by Mildred.

Mildred worked for NYNEX for 25 years which is now Verizon. While working for this company she was an administrative assistant, receptionist and accounting clerk. She retired in 1994 after a successful career at this company.

Church was very important to Mildred. Over 40 years ago she was baptized, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She dedicated her life to serving God. She loved to say that she never really smiled until she met the Lord. She would attend services daily and every Sunday. She attended Refuge Temple with Daddy John and Mama Harnetha. She knew all of the scriptures in the Bible and could easily quote them from memory. She later attended Reach Out Baptist Church in 1994 and started teaching Sunday School. Mildred was an usher, joined the Senior Choir and she also became a Minister. On October 12, 2008, she received the Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Excellence from Reach Out Baptist Church. Minister Mildred enjoyed spreading the word of God.

Mildred Goodhope's memory and legacy will live on and be cherished by: her daughter, Pamela Goodhope; her sister, Dora Goodhope; her grandchildren, Geron, Brittany, Shakaia, Markia, Sylvia, Genise, Shakera, ShaMira, Mark, (Charlie who preceded her in death), Siara, Jamie and Raya; her great-grandchildren, Zamiyah, Aven, Damien, Ryan, Mackenzie, Shannon, Savion, Saniyah, Salayah and Zamar; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and church family.

Grief is the price we pay for love. All of the sadness we feel will be a testament to the love we felt for Mildred Goodhope.

Submitted by Her Loving Family

# Order of Service

**Bishop Calvin Green, Eulogist  
Gene Tolbert, Organist**

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Reverend Gloria Green

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Elder Lewis Elliott

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6, 7..... Sister Ann

Prayer of Comfort.....Evangelist Virginia Allen

Musical Selection.....Prophet Kendall Williams

Reflections..... (2 Minutes or Less)

Musical Selection.....Reverend Audrey Jones

Obituary Reading.....Deacon Lisa Goodhope

Eulogy.....Bishop Calvin Green

Final Viewing.....Funeral Director

Benediction.....Bishop Calvin Green

Recessional.....Clergy & Family

## **INTERMENT:**

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey

# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for  
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies: thou  
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## 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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