

# *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 the staff at North Shore University Manhasset for their kindness, concern, and care. Thank you, Mount Moriah, for her faithful church family.

Thank you, Mother Brown, Thank you, Pastor Lowe, and Thank you, Jarvessie Brown. Thank you, Sampsons Funeral Service Inc., for your professional care.

With love, The Family

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# *Annie Ruth Kelly*

**Sunrise**  
March 1, 1930

**Sunset**  
October 19, 2022

**Service**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 10:00 AM**

**Mount Moriah A.M.E Church**

116-20 Francis Lewis Blvd. • Cambria Heights, NY 11411

*Rev. Robert R. Lowe, Officiant*



## *Letter To Mom*

Mommy showed me God's love. She taught me how to become the woman I am.

My Mom often told me I am the best daughter and she is grateful for my love and care. From her I learned how to care for others from my heart and spirit. How to forgive and grow during life's journey with dignity and grace.

Mommy taught me the importance of being kind, having patience, empathy and compassion.

She showed me how to value your family and respect everyone. I thank my Mom for my life and I am me because she is she.

My heart is broken .I will miss her very much. She's with our love ones in heaven and at peace. She is with me in spirit and will continue to show me God's love.

- Love your Daughter  
Sharen Black



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# Our Sister, Ruthie

The population of heaven has increased yet by another one, our sister Ruthie. In our hearts we thought of you today, but that is nothing new, days before that too, as we always do.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. Now all we have is memories of our conversations everyday. We can think of all the good deeds you have done down through the years. We repeat what you would always say to us: "Tell the Lord thank you."

Your memory is our keepsake, which we will never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our heart.

- Marva & Glenn



Sis,

The time will pass dear sis when God called you home to be with him in heaven and share his golden throne. I will often sit and think of you for memory is the only thing grief can Call it's own.

I will always miss you and try not to cry but I will live as you lived until we meet in the sweet bye and bye.

- Your sis, Elmira

# Order of Service

**Rev. Robert. R. Lowe** Officiant

Song of Comfort ..... Blessed Assurance

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Alonzo Macklin

Scripture Reading..... Rev. Anthony Herron  
Old Testament - Psalms 23  
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Musical Selection..... Carl Robinson Jr.

Expressions of Love..... Mother Delores Breland  
Dr. Carrie Brickhouse  
Tazhenique Gill

Musical Selection.....Mother Barbara Brown

Expressions of Love .....James Jeffries  
Sharen Black

Acknowledgments & Obituary ..... Crystal Jones

Musical Selection..... Carl Robinson Jr.

Eulogy ..... Rev. Robert R. Lowe

Final Viewing

Interment Prayer

## Interment

Nassau Knolls Cemetery  
500 Port Washington Boulevard  
Port Washington, New York 11050

*Due to Covid-19, there will be no repass.  
Safe travels to all.*

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**L**ittle Miss Annie Ruth Roberts Kelly arrived into this world early March, in the early thirties, to the proud parents. The third child born to the late Lindsay Roberts and Ms. Mary McIver Roberts. Brother Howard P. Roberts and little sister Bertha Lynn Roberts called me Little Ruthie, and loved me dearly.

I was somewhat a daddy's girl, and would always follow him around the farm, while he did his chores. Daddy had 75 acres of farmland, he had to harvest crops and feed the animals. So, that's why I seemed more domestic than my five sisters.

My early years of school was at a sort of up-to-date school, but without electricity or plumbing. It was up to date because no one in our rural community had lights or plumbing. Then I went to DB Wicker, formally known as Lee County Training School. Geography and biology were my best subjects.

After high school, at an early age, I married Jessie Arnold. Out of that marriage, two of my biggest accomplishments was the birth of

my children. My most precious adorable daughter, Sharen Ann Arnold Black, and my son, the late Jessie Wayne Arnold.

Besides parenting two children with the help of my parents and siblings, I worked at a plant known as Lee County Redrying Plant; a tobacco plant which was seasonal work six months of the year. I came to New York City in 1994, worked various jobs, then I worked for a company called IEEE.

I married the love of my life, Joseph Kelly. Together we built a successful business known as the Hollis New & Used Furniture Store. We successfully bought our present home, and three other real estate investments. We opened a business called the R&J Homecare.

My hobbies are gardening, cooking, decorating, especially my home. I loved taking care of various family members. I loved giving and was always generous.

In Heaven I am joining my husband, Joseph Kelly; my parents, my son, Jessie Wayne, my two brothers, Howard & Floyd; my sisters, Bertha Lynn, Ethel, Elizabeth, and Eleanor; and my grandson, Jason Arnold.

I leave behind to cherish my lasting love, my daughter, Sharen; my sister, Marva (James) Jeffries of Whiteville, NC, who I talked to everyday; my brother, Glenn Roberts of Sanford, NC; my grandson, Jonathan Arnold; four great grandchildren, my loving nieces who cared dearly for me, my strong nephews, a plethora of cousins who I also talked to everyday, especially my brother-cousin, John Roberts, and Cousin Elmira, who I also spoke with daily; my church family, including Noon Day Prayer Group & The Lay Organization; my fabulous neighbors, and many, many wonderful friends.

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