

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Bertha Garrett*

*Sunrise*  
*November 5, 1928*

*Sunset*  
*May 28, 2023*



*Service*

*Thursday, June 8, 2023 • 6:00 p.m.*

**ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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*Order of Service*

Processional

Prayer of Consolation ..... Wilbert R. Young

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 23 .....Janee' Garrett

New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30..... Tariq Garret

Song ..... “I’ll Fly Away”

Words of Expression

Song ..... “You Light Up My Life”

Obituary Reading ..... Naigeem Shabazz

Acknowledgement Reading Cards..... Tariq

Eulogy ..... Pastor Ruth Singelton

Heartfelt Words.....Shabazz

Viewing

Benediction ..... Pastor Ruth Singelton

Recessional

*Interment*  
Long Island National Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

## Obituary

**Bertha Garrett** was born on November 5th, 1928, in Hanover County, Virginia to Mary Bunny Brown. She grew up on the family farm surrounded by love with her great aunt Mottie and uncle James Winston before moving to Harlem, New York to reunite with her mom. While living in Harlem she would meet her soulmate and love of her life, William Bernard Garrett. They would become sweethearts at the age of 14. She graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Manhattan and then attended a nursing program before getting married to the love of her life on July 31st, 1952, in London, England.

Their union blessed them with 4 children: Valerie J. Garrett was born on April 15th, 1955, Yvonne M. Young was born on April 8th, 1956, William E. Garrett was born on October 7th, 1960, and Shandeeyaky M. Shabazz was born April 14th, 1962. Over the years the family traveled to many different places around the world as a military family via the United States Air Force before settling in Queens, New York.

Bertha went to work at Waldbaum's supermarket to make extra money to buy Christmas presents and wound up staying and retiring from there. Outside of work she enjoyed hobbies such as bowling, card games, traveling and cooking. Bertha had one of those personalities that lit up every room she entered, she was affectionately known as Mom, Grandma, Nana and Aunt Bea to all who knew her. She never missed a birthday, special occasion or milestone to celebrate with her family and friends. She was also known for telling her amazing stories about the many places she traveled to and lived.

As the matriarch, Bertha was selflessly devoted to her family and friends. She was able to instill compassion, wisdom and empathy into the next generations. Family was first for her! She always took pride in keeping her family together no matter the distance. Always one to care for others, she would often bring home a friend and they would leave as a family member. Bertha had an infectious smile and laugh that would brighten any day.

Bertha is survived by her children Yvonne Young, William Garrett and Shandeeyaky Shabazz, Son in-law Wilbert Young, Daughter-in-law Jeannie Ford and her forever Daughter in law Janet Caughman-Garrett. Grandchildren Ta-Nisha and spouse John Lewellyn, Cha-Naise and spouse Michael Biddle, Naigeem Shabazz and fiancé Marisol Palau, Antoine Young and fiancé Whitney Ryan, Janee' Garrett and Tariq Garrett. Great grandchildren Dearch Stubblefield, Alysia Stubblefield, Roland Mack, Olivia Young, and Valerie Shabazz. Her lifelong best friend Louis Fox Sr, and her late-in-life friend and confidant. Ruth Singelton. Bertha is survived by a host of relatives and friends. Bertha was called home on Sunday May 28th 2023 at 7:45 PM to reunite with her mother Mary Brown, her husband William B. Garrett, daughter Valerie Garrett and her fur baby dog Cory Shabazz.

*“ I feel blessed to have been able to share a marvelous and wonderful life’s journey with my precious friend Bertha. Our shared life’s milestones were filled sometimes with disappointments but always easily recovered with so many joys filled with laughter. Our military lives together spanned just over a half a decade as our families were stationed in The French Morocco Africa and then in Madrid Spain. Those were the really good days with memories of Bertha’s signature Lemon Meringue pie and my husband’s favorite pound cake. We raised our little ones in that loving environment even as they enjoyed the two husband’s laughter during our late night marathon pinochle games while they slept nestled all together either at one house or the other. As we advanced past our military life we still reminisced about those old days of bowling leagues, shopping and bingo but now headed for celebrating our new more mature lovely ladies status with more individual interests but never abandoning our common bonded friendship of and for life. That loving and special bond has been honed, cultivated and marinated to the point that it is more than who we WERE then but who we ARE now. I’ll forever treasure our 62 year relationship and thank God for putting us together throughout all of our lives. “*

*Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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