

Celebration of Life

Winifred "Winnie" Mayers

August 15, 1930 ~
November 14, 2023



~ **Saturday, November 25, 2023** ~

Viewing 8:30am-9:30am | Service: 9:30am-11:00am

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

3714 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203

Officiant ~ Pastor Harry Springer

To My Mother

I would like to express my deep gratitude for your sacrifice and unwavering love.

I cannot find the right words to describe how much I appreciated having you as my mother.

You were always there for me through thick and thin, and your selflessness and support have been a constant source of strength and comfort for me.

You have taught me valuable lessons about God, faith, life, and how to be a giving person.

Your kindness, compassion, and patience are truly inspiring, and I have tried to follow your example in my own life.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have had you in my life, and I want you to know how much I cherish everything you did for me.

I love you more than I can express in words, and I hope I have made you proud.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Processional

Prayer of Condolence.....	Sis. Pearl
Musical Selection.....	How Great Thou Art
Scripture Reading.....	Old Testament: Isaiah 25: 7-9 Ashley Azeez New Testament: ROMANS 8:35, 37- 39 Jeanne Farrell
Expression of Gratitude	Antoinette Hinds
Tributes (2 minutes, please)	1. Terry Hinds 2. Erdean Springer 3. Stephen Hinds 4. Lynette Clarke 5. Trevor Cumberbatch
Obituary Reading.....	Nicole Hinds
Selection.....	Goodness of God
Eulogy.....	Pastor Harry Springer
Selection.....	The Blessing
Final Viewing.....	Family

Benediction
Recessional

Internment

Evergreens Cementery
1629 Bushwick Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Repast

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Obituary

Winifred Springer Mayers was born on August 15, 1930, in Rock Hall, St. Andrew, on the island of Barbados, to Rita Letitia and David Nathaniel Springer. She was affectionately known as Winnie and was the sixth of seven children. From an early age, her parents instilled the importance of faith and a relationship with God, which she carried with her throughout her life.

While in Barbados, she met her future husband, Luther Mayers (deceased). They were married for over 50 years, and from their union, they had one daughter, Angela.

In her early twenties, Winnie moved to Brooklyn, where she worked as a seamstress in the fashion industry for over forty years with some of the top designers, including Nicole Miller. Winnie was very proud of her appearance and would often design and sew beautiful outfits, complete with matching hats, for special occasions.

Winnie loved the Lord and served as an evangelist, teaching Adult Sunday School at Vision Pentecostal Church for many years. She was known for her astute financial wisdom and would always remind her students to save more money than they needed. She often said, "If you have ten dollars, and what you want costs ten dollars, then you don't have enough!". Winnie was also passionate about music and took piano and guitar lessons well into her eighties.

Winnie had a big heart and was always thinking of others. Anyone who visited her home would leave with their arms full of clothes, food, and wise advice. She loved her family very much and did everything she could to bring many of them to this country. She also sacrificed every year to ensure she could take her grandchildren on church trips to states up and down the East Coast.

Winnie was a devoted grandmother who was very involved in the lives of each of her grandchildren. She provided emotional, spiritual, and financial support throughout their lives and was very serious about making sure they went to church every Sunday (and didn't mind bribing them with a delicious oxtail dinner after every church service). Winnie was a proud grandmother, but she was an even more proud great-grandmother. She would always inquire about her great-grandchildren, asking, "How are the children?" and would always make sure she had ice cream ready for them when they came to visit.

Winifred Mayers passed away on November 14, 2023. She is survived by her only child, Angela; son-in-law Stephen Virtus Hinds; sister Erdean Springer; grandchildren Terry, Nicole, Sean, and Antoinette; granddaughters-in-law Alecia and Candice; and great-grandchildren Stephen, Ava, Angelique, Aiden, and Madison. Winifred is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She will be deeply missed.

Family Tributes

Dear Muz:

Thank you for accepting me with open arms and treating me as a son for the past 49 years. You have been a source of strength, direction and inspiration to us all. The legacy that you have left will be cherished and never be forgotten. We know that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." With a heavy heart I say "until we meet again" Rest in peace.

~ Your loving son-in-law, Virtus

Thank you Granny for your love, wisdom, amazing cooking, and the time we spent together. Although I wish you were still here, I am grateful that you are no longer in pain. You will be greatly missed.

~ Love, Terry

Bye Granny, you will be sorely missed. Thanks for being the best grandmother I could have wished for.

~ Love, Nicole

I am so thankful that before the beginning of time, God found it fitting to make you our grandmother. You were everything we could hope for and more. You were funny and caring, and you always deposited faith and wisdom in us. You will be missed, but more than that, you will be remembered. You ran a good race and left a mark that can never be erased. Well done. We love you, Granny.

~ Love, Sean

I love you Granny! ~ Angie



Family Tributes

Granny, it was such an honor and blessing to have you as my grandmother. Thank you for your wise words and invaluable advice. I will miss your delicious oxtails and sweet potatoes, as well as your contagious laughter, but most of all, I will miss just being in your presence. You will always hold a special place in my heart. I love you forever and a day.

~ With love, Antoinette

I love you, Granny because you were kind. Granny, I love the time that we talked. I love every second that I spent with you. It must be really good in heaven.

~ Love Madison.

I remember when I first met Terry, I did not understand why he went to his Granny's house "every" Sunday for dinner. Over the years, I came to understand serving Sunday dinner to her family was how she showed her love for her grandchildren. These Sundays were filled with love, laughter, and many discussions about her early life in America. It was a time to slow down and enjoy family. Granny, you had so much style. We loved hearing your stories about working for Nicole Miller. Thank you for loving us and calling me "Lisa." Your love and affection reminded me of my own grandmother and made me feel welcome. Thank you for all the influence you had on your Grand and Great-Grand Children. We miss you.

~ Alecia





Family Tributes

Granny, I loved all the times I spent with you. You always made me laugh, and I loved everything we did together. I loved all the times we read the Bible together. I loved all the times that we watched TV together. I loved all the times you asked me about my day. I loved all the times we went to Antie Erdean's, all the parties we had together, and all the Thanksgiving dinners we had. I hope I get to meet you again in Heaven, Granny. I really miss you. Ava Hinds.

Every Sunday my sister, my cousin's and I would go to your house to have fun. We all loved you, and you loved us just as much. I remember one Sunday when you took my little sister and me downstairs. We used what you had in her basement to create a makeshift baseball game. You always cared and knew how to put a smile on our faces. Rest in peace Granny, I hope you're happy in heaven. ~ Stevie

I love all the time I had with you Granny. You gave me everything I wanted. I hope you have a great time in heaven with God. ~ Love Aiden

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to all those who have supported us during this difficult time. We express our heartfelt appreciation to the aides and nurses who provided exceptional care for grandmother during her final days. Your unwavering commitment to her well-being did not go unnoticed.

Acknowledgments

We also extend our sincerest thanks to Erdean Springer, Cheryl Azeez, Carolyn Donnley, the Cumberbatch family, and Helene ??? for their steadfast support and care for Winifred.

Your presence, words of comfort, and support have been invaluable to us, and we appreciate you being there for us during this challenging period.

To Lin Hwu, Beverly Jacobs, Anthony and Cheldene Griffith, your presence, words of comfort, and support have been invaluable to us, and we cannot thank you enough.

Pall Bearers

Terry Hinds

Dele Azeez

Sean Hinds

Chris Farrell

David Cumberbatch

Wayne Farrell

Nikki Spencer

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who has shown us love and support during this difficult time. Your kindness and compassion have been a source of comfort to us, and we are truly grateful.