

BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

*Weep not, weep not,
She is not dead;
She's resting in the bosom of Jesus.
Heart-broken husband — weep no more;
Grief-stricken son — weep no more;
Left-lonesome daughter — weep no more;
She's only gone home.
Day before yesterday morning,
God was looking down from his great, high heaven,
Looking down on all his children,
And his eye fell on Sister Martha,
Tossing on her bed of pain.
And God's big heart was touched with pity.
And God sat back on his throne,
And he commanded that tall, bright angel standing at his right hand:
Call me Death!
And Death didn't say a word,
But he loosed the reins on his pale, white horse,
Through heaven's pearly gates,
Past suns and moons and clouds
On Death rode,
Leaving the lightnings flash behind:
Straight on down he came.
While we were watching round her bed,
She turned her eyes and looked away,
She saw what we couldn't see;
She saw Old Death. She saw Old Death
Coming like a falling star.
But Death didn't frighten Sister Martha;
He looked to her like a welcome friend.
And she whispered to us: I'm going home.
And Jesus took his own hand and wiped away her tears,
And he smoothed the furrows from her face,
And the angels sang a little song,
And Jesus rocked her in his arms,
And kept a-saying: Take your rest, Take your rest, take your rest.
She's resting in the bosom of Jesus.*



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Celebration OF *Life*



Martha L. Malley

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 27, 1925 ~ SUNSET: FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Funeral Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER

81 MORNINGSIDE AVENUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reverend Eugene R. Palmore, Officiating

Order of Service

MUSIC PRELUDE “IT IS WELL”
MR. IDRIS FREDERICK

PROCESSION FAMILY & CLERGY

WELCOME REV. EUGENE R. PALMORE

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. PALMORE

OPENING HYMN “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”
(WORDS PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN)

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MUSICAL SELECTION “PRECIOUS LORD”
ELDER DWAYNE GRAYMAN

FAMILY TRIBUTES JOSEPH MALLOY

OBITUARY (SILENT READING)

MUSICAL SELECTION “THE LORD’S PRAYER”
DEACON DIANE OSEI-TUTU

EULOGY REV. PALMORE

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. PALMORE

COMMENDATION REV. PALMORE

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RECESSIONAL HYMN “WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN”

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Obituary

MARTHA LEE WESCOTT closed her eyes and went to peaceful rest on February 11, 2024.

Martha was the youngest of six children (one of the other five was her twin sister Mary) born to Thomas William Wescott and Lillian Holt Wescott on December 27, 1925 in Eastville, Virginia. Martha graduated from North Hampton County High School in 1943. From an early age, Martha attended Union Baptist Church in Eastville, Virginia with her family. Martha grew up in a close knit family and community. She revered and loved her parents dearly for her entire life. Her sisters were her best friends.

Martha left Virginia and moved to New York City in 1950, where she remained for the rest of her life. She found employment at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in the dietetics field. Over the years, Martha assumed more and more responsibility in her role. She was relied upon by patients and admired by colleagues for being a tireless worker. Martha retired from the hospital after over 30 years of service. Martha’s hobbies included decorating, fashion, spending time with her sisters and entertaining family and friends.

Martha met Joseph Malloy (Skeet) in New York and they were married in 1952 and remained so until the passing of Joseph in 1991. Martha and Joseph were a beautiful and glamorous couple who enjoyed listening to music and dancing. They were devoted and loving parents and grandparents to three children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Their home was always a welcome and warm place for extended family and for the friends of their children and grandchildren. During retirement, Martha adored spending summers on Martha’s Vineyard with her grandchildren and a lovely circle of friends.

Martha was an active and committed member of Church of the Master where she served as a beloved deacon until she became ill in 2022. Throughout her illness she maintained her lovely, gracious and measured demeanor and of course she never lost her faith and gratitude. She said to her granddaughter Nikki “I have a date with God.” She said to all of us “now that I am passing, don’t be sad.” She even said her goodbyes to the beloved family dogs.

Martha leaves to cherish her memory: daughters Sharon Grotevant and Lora Davis, son Joseph Malloy, son-in-law Mark Grotevant, daughter-in-law and loving caretaker Vanessa Taylor Malloy, grandsons Chaz Malloy and Evan Grotevant, granddaughter Vera Nicole Webb and great grandchildren Niara Webb and Kieran Malloy. Martha is also survived by nieces, nephews and a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

We would like to pay a special tribute to Nadine Cunningham who was Martha’s kind, patient and reliable caretaker. She is the consummate professional and a very compassionate person.

We will forever miss you Mother. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!