

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Sylvia R. Mills-Henderson

APRIL 15, 1924 - JUNE 26, 2020



Funeral Service

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 • 12:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

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PRELUDE

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SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT - ISAIAH 41:10 CHARISSE HENDERSON

NEW TESTAMENT - PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8..... SOLOMON LEWIS

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....PASTOR J. EDWARD LEWIS SENIOR

REFLECTIONSFAMILY & FRIENDS (2 MINUTES PLEASE)
DAUSHEL HENDERSON

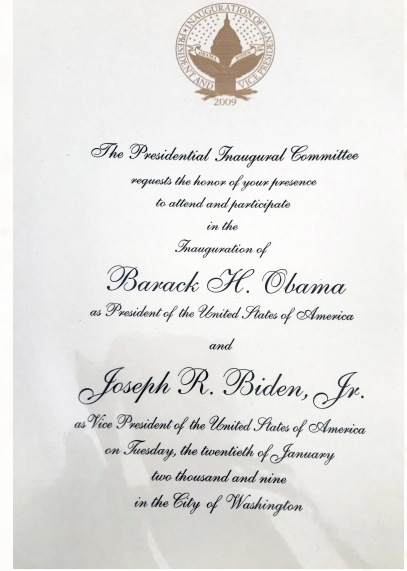
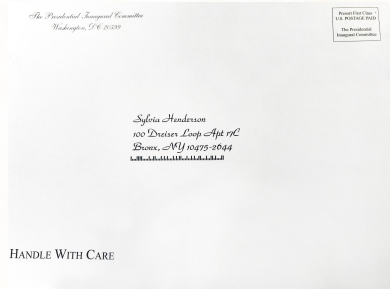
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SYLVIA ROMALIA MILLS HENDERSON, was the beloved daughter of Harry and Albertha Clark Mills. She was born on April 15, 1924 in Manhattan. It was in the bustling and culturally diverse borough of Manhattan that Sylvia enjoyed family life with four brothers and three sisters.

Sylvia attended elementary school in New York City and graduated from the Manhattan Trade Schools for Girls. Sylvia had a magnificent flair for fashion and interior design. You can get a glimpse of her style and talent by looking at the train on her wedding dress, which she designed and made. Sylvia married Alfred T. Henderson in 1948 and had two children from that union. Sylvia was a professional dressmaker throughout her life and had many private clients. She also worked for the New York Public School System, in the Bronx, as a Teacher's Assistant, until the family moved to Co-op City in 1969. It was then that Sylvia began to work for Riverbay Corporation in Office Management. Sylvia remained a valued employee of Riverbay Corporation until she retired.

When Sylvia was asked, what is your greatest joy? She replied, "being a mother. It took a bit of doing to have children and I thank God for my children". "I am also pleased that although I did not have an extensive academic education, I have come a long way. I have traveled to Spain, Japan, Jamaica, Bermuda and to many

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beautiful states”. When asked, if you could do something special in your life, what would it be? She replied, “I would like to help more people and do good”. The final question, proposed to Sylvia, if you could leave a message for the world, what would it be? She replied, “Love one another and be kinder to one another”.

In loving memory, Sylvia has been predeceased by her parents; four brothers, Michael Condell, Kenneth Mills, George Victor Mills, and Herman Mills; two sisters, Albertha Evelyn Dendtler and Myrtle Cherebin; and son-in law, The Reverend Alfred E. Taylor. Remaining to celebrate her life and legacy is her sister, Grace Cherebin; her two children, Michael A. Henderson and her daughter, The Reverend Marlene H. Lewis-Taylor; seven grandchildren, Solomon, Daushel, Charisse, Brandon, Michael and Mathew and Esi; seven great-grandchildren, Avery, Kobe, Brooklynn, Brylee, Clark, Jaz, and Ree. Sylvia also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, blended family members, true and faithful friends and her church family from Calvary Presbyterian Church of Newburgh, where Sylvia became a member this year, under the leadership of Pastor and Teaching Elder, J. Edward Lewis Senior.

Love and Peace,
The Family



A Love Note for Sylvia Romalia

*Mom, when I was a little girl, I loved your name.
I thought it was so pretty.*

I remember watching everything you did; from preparing and cooking our meals to getting dressed.

You taught me how not to tear my stockings with my nails. You taught me the importance of wearing the proper undergarments, so I would look neat and well fitted in my clothes.

You taught me how to set a table, keep a home, iron clothes, be a daughter, a friend and a mother.

*I learned my important foundational life lessons from you.
You also taught me how to be tough and not to give up.*

You shared your personal stories about growing up with special needs and experiencing hardships because you stuttered and had impaired eyesight.

*Although, life was not easy for you, you never became bitter or selfish.
You continued to love people and do your best for them despite their unkind ways.*

You were a fighter and worked hard to achieve the quality of life you desired and deserved.

*I love you for all the gifts of wisdom and understanding that you poured into me,
and all the people who were your friends and admirers over the years.*

*I cherish our memories, moments of hilarious laughter, fabulous meals,
trips to see jazz masters and excursions to the theater.*

*When it was time to say goodbye, we would always say, "I love you, see you soon."
And you would always say,
"Walk with God."*

*Mom, I love you and I am walking with God.
I will see you soon.*

*By Marlene Henderson Lewis-Taylor
July 5, 2020*

Philippians 4:4-8 NIV

4. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
5. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
6. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
7. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Sylvia R. Mills-Henderson acknowledges with sincere appreciation each act of concern and kindness shown to us during this time of sorrow. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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