



*"A Place in My Heart"*

By Sounds of Blackness

*I tried to help you to succeed  
Gave you your wants  
And supplied all your needs.  
Each day, I pray that you're okay  
In every way, being all you can be  
'Cause there's so much to learn  
And there's so little time,  
Before your life slips away  
But there's one place you can be saved,  
Yes, you have a place in my heart.  
No matter where you go, it's never too far  
Yes, you have a place in my heart.  
Even if you go astray  
All you have to do is come back home.  
You know, you have a place in my heart.  
Now that you're grown and on your own  
Don't feel like you are ever all alone,  
No matter what you're going through  
A mother's love will always comfort you  
Cause there's so much to learn  
And there's so little time before your life slips away  
But there's one place you can be saved,  
Yes, you have your own place right here  
If you've done wrong, that's alright  
You're never alone, come on home  
Yes, you have a place in my heart.  
No matter where you go it's never too far  
You have a place in my heart....*

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*In Loving Memory of*



*Victoria Gomez Alexander*

SUNRISE: JULY 3, 1935 - SUNSET: JULY 29, 2024

*Funeral Service*

Thursday, August 8, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS & ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH**

207 West 96th Street • New York, NY 10025

FATHER WESBEE VICTOR, *Officiating*

*Interment*

**ROCKVILLE CEMETERY**

Lynbrook, New York

# Order of Service

**ENTRANCE SONG AND BLESSING.** . . . . . “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

**READING I** . . . . . ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-8

**READING II** . . . . . 2 TIMOTHY 4: 6-8

**RESPONSORIAL** . . . . . PSALM 23 - “SHEPHERD ME, O GOD”

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** . . . . . “ALLELUIA”

**GOSPEL READING** . . . . . JOHN 6: 35-40

**HOMILY**

**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR** . . . . . “AVE MARIA”

**PREFACE DIALOGUE**

**SANCTUS** . . . . . “HOLY HOLY”

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**OUR FATHER**

**SHARING PEACE**

**AGNUS DEI**

**HOLY COMMUNION.** . . . . . “ON EAGLE WINGS”

**EULOGY**

**CLOSING PRAYER & COMMENDATION**

**CLOSING HYMN.** . . . . . “AMAZING GRACE”

**RECESSIONAL** . . . . . “TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD”

## *Acknowledgments*

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

# Obituary

On Monday, July 29, 2024, **VICTORIA GOMEZ ALEXANDER** (aka Vickie) joined the Lord and passed away in her home at the age of 89 years after a courageous year-long battle with ovarian cancer. Vickie was born on July 3, 1935, in the Cedar Manor neighborhood of Jamaica, Queens, New York, NY. She was the first of three children born to the late Miguel N. Gomez and the late Edna Trotman Gomez, both Caribbean immigrants from Curaçao and Barbados, respectively. She grew up in Jamaica, Queens, in humble but loving conditions with her parents, her brother, the late Arnold “Mike” Gomez, and her sister, Florence Gomez Clark. She was the proud granddaughter of Samuel Trotman and Florence Trotman, immigrants from Barbados who came with Vickie’s mother, Edna, to the United States through Ellis Island. Years later, Vickie would return to Ellis Island with her beloved daughter, Lisa Therese Alexander, and her cherished granddaughter, Kira Alexandra Mitchell, to view the records of the day the Trotman family became U.S. citizens.

Vickie attended and graduated from New York City’s public schools. She exceeded the erroneously low expectations many held for Black women at the time. She received her B.A. from Queens College, City University of New York, and her M.A. from Teachers’ College at Columbia University. While at Queens College, she joined the Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on February 2, 1957. She was the first in her family to attend college and graduate school. Vickie began her career as a public school teacher and later became a guidance counselor in New York City’s public schools. She boldly shifted to work in human resources in corporate America when only a handful of Black women began to seek and attain such opportunities. She became a Manager and a Vice-President of Human Resources at Burroughs, Unisys, Tandem, and Scholastic corporations. She was a pathbreaker, creating opportunities for and mentoring Black employees and others. She also was a staunch advocate for justice in the workplace. Upon retirement, Vickie became a life coach, positively affecting the lives of many. Vickie loved the arts, attending Alvin Ailey Dance concerts and becoming an Aaron Davis Hall board member.

Vickie’s proudest achievements were her role as a mother and a grandmother. Vickie did a great job of encouraging Lisa’s independence despite her chronic illness of Type 1 diabetes. Vickie also identified many opportunities that helped Lisa grow and prosper. She was also an incredibly loving and supportive grandmother to Kira, always showing up for all of Kira’s milestones. Vickie was also the ex-wife and friend of the late Robert L. Alexander, whom she helped care for during his battle with Alzheimer’s. Her grandparents, mother and father, ex-husband Robert, brother, and nephew, Anthony Gomez, preceded her in death. She is survived by her loving daughter, Lisa Therese Alexander; granddaughter, Kira Alexandra Mitchell; son-in-law, Thomas W. Mitchell; nephews, Jason Clark, Reynaldo Gomez, Jordash Clark, and Joshua Clark; other spiritual daughter and friend, Pamela M. Powell, trusted friend, Hazel Pierre, and numerous other friends and extended family members. Vickie was a “mother” to numerous people worldwide and rarely asked much of others. Many surely already miss her light, love, and spiritual counsel. We thank God for Victoria Gomez Alexander and the privilege of sharing our lives with her.