

## Acknowledgements

The family of Madora LaForse acknowledges with grateful appreciation and sincere gratitude for all the numerous expressions of love, the many acts of courtesy, the empathetic condolences, and other expressions of sympathy and kindness rendered during the time of our bereavement.



### POEM — I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day, to laugh,  
to love, to work, to play.

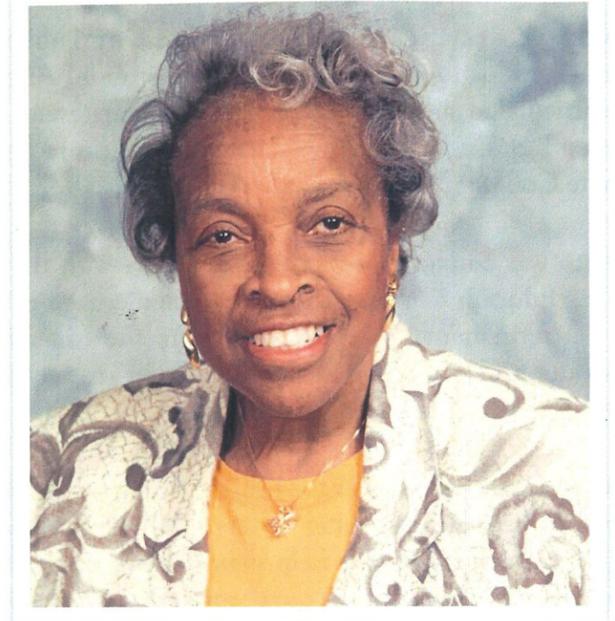
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savored much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free.

## Memorial Service for Madora LaForse



SUNRISE: June 27, 1925  
SUNSET: November 29, 2023

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**  
Wake: 10:00 a.m. — Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

**Joseph Brown, Jr. Funeral Home**  
2140 N. Fulton Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21217

## Obituary

**M**ADORA LAFORSE was born in Baltimore, MD. on June 27, 1925 to the late Henry and Florence Collic. In 1990 her beloved husband – Henry LaForse – preceded her in death.

MADORA was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System – graduating from Douglas High School. After which she matriculated and graduated from Morgan State College, earning a B.S. Degree – she also earned a certificate from Coppin State College in Elementary Education .

MADORA was employed – from 1957-1983 –with the Department of Education where she taught elementary education. After her retirement Madora continued in the education field as a mentor and a librarian as a “Story Teller” for grades Pre-K to 2nd Grade.

MADORA found joy in mentorship in which for 50 years she was a volunteer with the Big Sisters Club of Baltimore – a Mentoring Partnership that help young ladies reach their fullest potential through professional support with a one-to-one mentoring relationship through a full range of programs providing an unmeasurable impact in the lives of young ladies. She also volunteered at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

MADORA was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church under the tutelage and guidance of the late Pastor Emeritus William McCoy, Jr. She was later baptized under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Alvin J. Gwynn, Sr., and eventually becoming a faithful and dedicated member of the Golden Agers Ministry; she also became an avid student in the Noonday Bible Study and Sunday School.

MADORA leaves to mourn her nephew and caretaker William O. Collic, Jr., Her brother Edward H. Collic, Sr., and a host of nieces and nephews.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*



## Celebration of Life

OPENING HYMN  
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

SCRIPTURE  
Old Testament (Psalm 100)  
Pastor Michael Addison  
New Testament (I Corinthians 15:55-58)  
Pastor Phyllis Addison

PRAYER  
Rev. Verna Queen

SOLO  
Mrs. Ethel Wilkes

REMARKS  
Mrs. Ethel Wilkes

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Elkridge, MD

BENEDICTION  
Rev. Verna Queen

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