

Celebrating the life of



Marion Elizabeth Bryant

JULY, 8 1932 - DECEMBER 2, 2024

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“Loved you yesterday, love you still, always have, always will.”

Homegoing Celebration

Friday, December 13, 2024

Memorial: 11:00am | Service 12 Noon

First Community Baptist Church

142 Edgepark Road, White Plains, NY 10603

Service Program



ORDER OF SERVICE
Rev. Jerome Robinson, Presiding

Prelude:
Bro. Jake Langley, Organist

Invocation:
Rev. Jerome Robinson

Congregational Hymn:
“Hold To God’s
Unchanging Hand”
Bro. Jake Langley, Organist

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament: Psalm 150
New Testament: John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort:

Musical Selection:
Jeff & Fran Southworth

Family Expressions:

Musical Selection:
Joe Boykin
“The Creator Has A Master Plan”

Family Expressions:

Musical Selection:
Porter Carroll
“Peace In The Valley”

Acknowledgements
& Obituary
Rev Jerome Robinson

Choir Selection:
“I Won’t Complain”

Eulogy:
Rev Dr Tyrone H. Robinson
Pastor, First Community
Baptist Church

Recessional:
“Goin’ Up Yonder”
Bro. Jake Langley

Internment:
Kensico Cemetery
271 Lakeview Ave
Valhalla, NY 10595



The Life of Marion E. Bryant

Marion Elizabeth Scott was born on July 8, 1932, at Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla, NY, to Oscola Scott and Anna Lee. She was affectionately called Mom, Nana, Mern, Mamo Jamo, Mrs. Bryant, Ms. B, Hey Mama, and Nana Banana.

A native of the Greenburgh community, her family has been part of this area for over 100 years. Marion and her family owned property and lived on several different streets throughout Greenburgh, NY, including Florence Avenue, 5 Dobbs Ferry Road (along with Porter Carroll and his family, as well as Clifford Archer and his family), and 136 Prospect Avenue.

Marion graduated from White Plains High School, where she was a popular majorette. Together with her husband, she managed several businesses, including a restaurant named "Scotty's." They also owned a taxi stand and a liquor store. Her other grandmother, Liza Woods, lived in a 21-room house that included her beauty salon, located in the area that is now where the White Plains Library, Court, and Greenburgh Police Station are situated.

At 12 years old, Marion had the opportunity to meet the iconic pianist Hazel Scott through a school friend who lived with the Scott family in Parkway Gardens. When Ms. Scott heard Marion play, she was so impressed by Marion's talent that she was inspired to mentor her. At 13, Marion began playing the piano and organ at Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, NY, alongside her lifelong friend in music, the late Mr. Tommy Moore.

At 19, she worked at "Trenchers," a popular retail store on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, NY. One day while working, her aunt knocked on the store window, called her outside, and delivered a life-changing speech, pointing out that she was wasting her time and money working in the boutique. Her aunt had made an appointment for her at the Telephone Company Bell Atlantic so that Marion could pursue a 'real job.' Marion began her career at Bell Atlantic, where she was featured in a commercial due to her beautiful speaking voice, knowledge of the switchboard, and her two deep dimples, which she passed down to her daughter and grandson.



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Marion also shared her angelic singing voice with her two daughters and grandchildren, and she embodied a sweet spirit that she shared with her first granddaughter.

Besides working at the Telephone Company, Marion became Elmsford's popular piano teacher, organist, and choir director at First Baptist Church. While playing during church services, she had her two daughters sit in the first pew behind her and kept a mirror on her organ so that she could keep an eye on them. Not only did she play beautifully, but she also had the voice of an angel. Marion played the organ at many churches around Westchester, including Calvary, Bethel, Mount Hope, Trinity, St. Frances AME, St. Martha, and many more. She balanced a full-time job, piano instruction, conducted rehearsals at the church twice a week, washed and ironed everyone's clothes, and always had breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the table. Truly a "superwoman"!

She would also travel from time to time with her daughter Sharon. Every time Marion was getting ready to go somewhere with Sharon, Marvin would jokingly say, "You're taking my wife again?" Sharon would look at her dad and reply, "Uh-huh," and he would fake cry and then laugh, giving his wife a kiss. She was so much fun on the road!

One story Sharon tells is when Marion went with her to Los Angeles. and introduced her Mom to Thai food. She loved it and requested Thai every night. The next day during filming, the Asst Director announced a lunch break and Marion spoke up and said, "Scuse Me, have you all ever had Thai food?". The Assistant Director immediately announced "Thai Food it is, courtesy of mom Bryant!".



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Marion was a loving sweet giving Spirit and she was full of life. Her presence will be missed but her spirit will always be missed. She is predeceased by her husband of 45 years Marvin. and her daughter Denise Elizabeth Archer who passed last year. Marion leaves behind so many who she loved and who loved her. It would be hard to name everyone whose life she touched and she truly loved.







Remember Me

*Speak of me as you have
always done.*

*Remember the good times,
laughter, and fun.*

*Share the happy memories
we've made.*

Do not let them wither or fade.

*I'll be with you in the
summer's sun*

*And when the winter's chill
has come.*

*I'll be the voice that whispers
in the breeze.*

*I'm peaceful now, put your
mind at ease.*

*I've rested my eyes and gone to
sleep,*

*But memories we've shared are
yours to keep.*

*Sometimes our final days may
be a test,*

*But remember me when I was
at my best.*

*Although things may not be the
same,*

*Don't be afraid to use my
name.*

*Let your sorrow last for just a
while.*

*Comfort each other and try to
smile.*

*I've lived a life filled with joy
and fun.*

*Live on now, make me proud of
what you'll become.*

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Footprints



One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach
with my Lord, Across the dark sky
flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets
of footprints in the sand.

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my
flashed before me, I looked back
at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set
of footprints.

This really troubled me,
so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to
follow you, You'd walk with me
all the way.

But I noticed that during the
saddest and most troublesome
times of my life, there was only
one set of footprints.

I don't understand why,
when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,
I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and
testings. When you saw only one
set of footprints, It was then that
I carried you."

