

## OBITUARY



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We Love You and Miss You!

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## *In Loving Memory Of* *Mary Jacqueline Powell Perera*

*Sunrise*

July 30, 1947

*Sunset*

May 12, 2020

*[As you enter this chapel, please reverence the family  
by silencing all electronic devices.]*

Wednesday ~ May 13, 2020 ~ 10:30 a.m.  
{Final Viewing: 9:30 ~ 10:30 a.m.}

at

FRANK R. BELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.

536 Frank & Doris Bell Way

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Brooklyn, New York 11238

### OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend Dr. James A. Thornton, *Senior Pastor*

*Salem Missionary Baptist Church*

*305 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street ~ Brooklyn, New York 11226*

Musical Prelude . . . . . Min. David E. Sayles  
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### INTERMENT:

Springfield Cemetery

121-83 Springfield Boulevard ~ Springfield Gardens, New York

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