

In Loving Memory
of
Mattie Geneva Upshaw

Sunrise

August 17, 1919

Sunset

January 10, 2011



Tuesday, January 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES

129 Engle Street • Englewood, NJ 07631

Evangelist Joan Walker, Officiating

Obituary

Mattie Geneva King, the daughter of Dr. Abraham Joseph King and Jennie King (nee Loggins) was born on August 17, 1919 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Geneva as she preferred to be called believing the name Mattie was to old fashioned, was the youngest of three children and was preceded in death by her siblings, Vernice Brent (nee King) and Joseph Abraham King.

Geneva was a product of the Indianapolis School systems and after graduating from Crispus Attucks High School she attended Butler University attaining a BS Degree. She was a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Shortly after receiving her degree during WWII she worked in a war assembly plant. She also briefly worked as a teacher in the Indianapolis School system before she began working as a social worker for the City of Indianapolis.



She was baptized in the Unitarian Church and though not an overly religious woman she attended services in many area houses of worship.

Geneva married Joshua Edward Spears III in 1956 and of this union two children were born, Joshua Edward Spears, IV and Schuyler King Spears. After being widowed in 1960 she later married Julius Warren Upshaw in 1969 relocating first to Brooklyn and then to Teaneck, in 1969. Shortly after moving to New York, Geneva started working for New York City Department of Children's Services as a social worker until her retirement in 1990.

Upon her retirement she became a volunteer for Holy Name Hospitals Hospice Care for many years until she was physically unable to volunteer any longer. She was an avid reader and was passionate about her gardening. Geneva loved to cook but she knew that cooking was not her forte. Geneva loved a good heated discussion and was a skilled debater with a quick wit.

Geneva closed her eyes and parted from life with us to embark on a new journey on January 10, 2011.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her sons, Joshua Edward Spears, IV; his wife, Jessica and children, Kyle W. Lewis, Jocelyn E. Spears and Joshua Edward Spears, V and Schuyler King Spears; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Lovingly submitted by The Family

Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort *Missionary Joan Walker*

Scripture Reading - 23 Psalm *Kyle Lewis*
Joshua E. Spears, V

Poem *"To My Loved Ones"*
Jocelyn E. Spears

Acknowledgment of Cards *Cassandra A. Dennis*

Obituary *Jessica A. Spears*

Hymn *"Amazing Grace"*

Sermon *Missionary Joan Walker*

Recessional



Entombment

Woodbridge Memorial Garden
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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