

Celebrating the Life of
Rosa Ann Reid

Sunrise
January 18, 1946

Sunset
January 2, 2014



Reflections of Life

Rosa Ann Reid was born on January 18, 1946 in Northampton County, Virginia to Elizabeth (Reid) Smith and the late Thomas Smith. Rosa was the third eldest of fourteen children. Rosa received her education in the Northampton County school system and graduated high school in 1964. After high school Rosa decided to pursue her dream of living in the "Big City" and relocated to Harlem, New York to live with her sisters Viola and Elizabeth.

At an early age Rosa was baptized at Bethel AME Church in Eastville, VA. She attended church regularly with her family and visited often once she relocated. Rosa loved the Lord and the life she lived spoke for her.

Rosa met the love of her life Johnny Martin on August 19, 1964. To this blessed union one child was born, Abrian Reid. Abrian was Rosa's pride and joy. Rosa loved her baby girl and made sure she had the best of everything.

Rosa affectionately known as "Roseann" was employed in the health care industry for many years before becoming employed at Harlem Hospital. She retired from Harlem Hospital as an EKG technician supervisor after thirty-three years of employment.

She was a member of American Temple No. 258, Daughters of I.B.P.O.E. of W. Paterson, NJ and the New Jersey Athletic Department.

Rosa was a free spirit and enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved to travel, dance, play bingo, cards, casino trips, crocheting, socializing and hanging out with her family. Some of the best memories were created in Rosa's apartment when her sisters, nieces and nephews would gather together and laugh for days. Rosa and her sisters Liz and Doe would laugh and talk until the early hours of the morning without getting any sleep.

"Roseann" was a true caregiver. She worked at the hospital during the week and as a home attendant on the weekend for many years. She loved to take care of people and adopted many children over the years. She was kind, compassionate, loving and trustworthy. She would give you anything if she had it, and God blessed her immensely for her generosity. Rosa gave excellent advice and was the best secret keeper around. She loved listening to a good piece of family gossip especially if it made her laugh. She made sure everyone was respectful in her presence and no matter what she kept it real.

She is preceded in death by her father, Thomas Smith, brothers, Thomas Reid and Prince Smith and son-in-law, George Leary.

Rosa Ann Reid departed this life on Thursday, January 2, 2014, surrounded by family and friends.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: beloved daughter, Abrian (Vaughan); mother, Elizabeth; lifelong companion, Johnny; sisters, Viola (Peter), Elizabeth (Jimmy), Doretha, Margaret and Shirley; brothers, James, Chester, William (Tabby), Jerome, Larry and Rudolph; godchildren, Shayvonne Martin, Rudolphus Goldsby, Lenora Turner; and a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, former co-workers and neighbors.

Roseann was a very classy lady and embodied Proverbs 31:10 as a Virtuous Woman. She feared the Lord and He praised her for her good works. Rosa gave to many people in secret and the Lord saw and rewarded her. She was extremely blessed. May the works she has done speak for her. We love you Rosa, Rest in Peace.

Service

Sunday, January 12, 2014 - 3:00 pm

Bethel AME Church

15676 Courthouse Road

Eastville, VA 23347

Pastor Timothy Johnson, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Acknowledgements/Remarks Rev. Kelvin Jones
Pastor First Baptist Church, Capeville, VA

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Selection

Words of Comfort Pastor Timothy Johnson

Recessional



Interment
Bethel AME Church Cemetery
Eastville, Virginia



A Rose

*Today God picked a rose,
such a beautiful Angel He chose
From Heaven above;
she's now smiling down,
on her face there's not a tear or frown.
From now on all her days will be bright,
she's now walking above
in God's perfect light.*

Loving You

*Loving you is something we all enjoyed to do.
Your beautiful smile, your everlasting bliss,
your slow walk and gentle hug, kiss. Those
are just a few things that we will all miss. You
were like a breath of fresh air. Never once
did you not care. In our hearts, we can't
despair, because you will always be here.
May your soul live on forever, because we
will always be together. So, for now we will put
you to rest, because for all of us, I know you
would want the best. There's so much we all
want, need and forgot to say. But, there's one
thing for sure, we can't stand in God's way. So,
as your family and friends, we must stay strong
... so you're precious name may carry on. We
love you then, now and forever. In our hearts,
minds and souls, we will always be together.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Rosa Ann Reid** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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