

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Audrey E. Alexander, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark top. The portrait is set against a background of pink butterflies and purple flowers. The entire image is framed by a blue border.

*Audrey E. Alexander*

**Sunrise**

September 9, 1949

**Sunset**

May 10, 2014

**Service**

Friday, May 16, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street  
Orange, New Jersey



## *Reflections of Life*

**Audrey Elizabeth Alexander** was born September 9, 1949 to Eleanor Rohlehr and the late Joseph Alexander Sr. in Georgetown, Guyana, South America.

As a child she loved to learn and loved school. She faced many crossroads and obstacles in life, but she overcame many of them. Audrey was a self-starter and teacher; she taught herself how to cook at a very young age. She learned to have compassion for others and she mostly enjoyed the company of her siblings. In Guyana, when Audrey was 10 years-old, she would collect money for charity with Ms. Seals and put the money in envelopes to give to the poor. That act of kindness inspired her to help others.

On May 24, 1970 Audrey and her brother came to the United States. Audrey's first job when arriving to the States was as a Child Care Provider in East Orange N.J. She worked at Sears, Roebuck and Company in Newark, N.J., and was a factory worker in North Newark, N.J. Audrey enrolled in the East Orange City Hall Professional Education Program in East Orange, N.J. While attending classes, she also enrolled at the American Red Cross in Montclair, New Jersey and obtained a Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate.

Audrey became a Citizen of the United States, on October 26, 1976. While working at the Montclair Nursing Home, a friend told her about a job opening with the County of Essex. In the spring of 1979, Audrey began working at the Essex County Geriatric Center in Belleville, NJ. While working at the Geriatrics Center Audrey enjoyed taking care of the residents as if they were her very own. She would leave her patients in immaculate condition. Audrey made sure they were well greased and shined like a new penny. Audrey was a dedicated hard worker. It's been said, "Her co-workers were glad to get her assignment when her shift ended because there wasn't much left for them to do"! Although she worked with the Essex County Geriatrics Center, Audrey also held many other jobs in the

Health Care Profession. She worked at the Parkway Manor, East Orange, New Jersey; Kessler Care Center at Cedar Grove; Cedar Hill Nursing Home; and the Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. Audrey was very proud that she worked with the County of Essex for 28 Years. Although she retired in the spring of 2007, she was unable to sit still. She continued to work part-time.

Audrey wore many hats; she was a Daughter, Sister, Niece, Cousin, Aunt, Friend and second Mother to many. She was a Teacher, Educator, and Care Giver. Audrey was LOVABLE, HARD WORKING, GENEROUS, and COMPASSIONATE. She loved to talk, gave good advice, and was a great listener. One of Audrey's greatest passions was shopping. She LOVED to shop! She was considered a "Shopaholic". There were many of times when she would shut malls down. Audrey was also a "Provider". Not only did she provide for her family she provided for extended family and friends. In her glory days after retirement Audrey loved to take long road trips, she spent a lot of time with her sister Joan and kept the faith. She loved to travel, enjoyed family gatherings, attended parties and simply enjoyed life. She was a proud Guyanese and the glue that held the family together. When she learned that she was ill, she kept it to herself...Audrey made sure everyone was okay first, and then focused on herself. She was a **selfless** person.

Audrey joins in eternity her beloved grandmother Olive, her father Joseph, her brother Hubert Alexander, and her nephew Silwamba Fields.

Audrey leaves to celebrate her life and memory her mother Eleanor Rohlehr; sister Joan Williams; brother Joseph Alexander, Jr. (Beverly); brother Samuel Alexander; sister Yvonne Richards; sister Josie Alexander; brother Rudolph Rohlehr (Chrislyn); sister Wanda Chesney (Desmond); brother Brian Abel; brother Christopher Alexander; sister-in-law Elizabeth Alexander; Uncle Samuel (Doreen) Alexander; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, god-children; and extended family and friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Opening Words.....Reverend Ted Allemon  
Living Praise Church

Selection....."Precious Lord"  
Emory Lee

Scripture Reading.....Reverend Ted Allemon  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Ted Allemon

Selection....."The Wind Beneath My Wings"  
Emory Lee

Poem Reading & Reflections.....(Under 2minutes please)

Obituary.....Alisia Harris

Selection....."His Eye Is On A Sparrow"  
Emory Lee

Eulogy.....Reverend Ted Allemon

Final View

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

*There will be No Repast, the family request their  
privacy. Please take with you, the memory of our Beloved  
Audrey and Please keep the family in prayer.  
The Family*

## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not there to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
all filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things,  
we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand  
that an angel came and called my name,  
and took me by the hand  
and said my place was ready,  
in heaven far above  
and that I'd have to leave behind,  
all those I dearly love.  
If I could relive yesterday  
just even for a while  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you  
and maybe see you smile.  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart.  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.*

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You,  
Whatever the part.

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