In Loving Memory of



Jean P. Woodward

Sunrise
June 18, 1930

Sunset September 3, 2014

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
II Timothy 4:7

Service

Monday, September 8, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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<u>Obituary</u>

Jean Phyllis Woodward was born to the late John and Clara Griffin. She was the second oldest of ten siblings. Six have preceded her in death (Delores, John Jr., Richard, Mary, Michael and Wayne). She departed this life on September 3, 2014.

Jean received her education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also took some college courses in New York.

She was married to the late Russell Woodward Sr. and through this union they were blessed with nine children. Six preceded her in death (Russell, Phillip, Charlotte, Catherine and a set of twins). Russell Sr. and Jean moved to Brooklyn, New York where she lived a few years. They then moved to Harlem where she raised her children and lived over forty years.

Jean worked for the United States Postal Service while taking some college courses. Jean then went to work for New York City Housing Authority where she retired in September 1991.

After retiring Jean dedicated her life to raising her grandchildren, they were her best friends. Jean loved being surrounded by her children with whom she shared her life experiences. Two of Jean's slogans that she constantly repeated to her family was "always be cool and never Mrs. J."

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Gerald, Ronald and Carol; three sisters, Helen, Emily and Carol; five daughters-in-law, Anna, Patricia, Marilyn Elizabeth and Katerina; eight grandchildren, Russell III, Tasha, Gerald, Jamella, Winnie, Ronald Jr., Carol and Russell, nineteen great grand and a host of nieces and nephews. One niece special to her heart was Deborah, whom she affectionately referred to as Dizzy Debbie who cared for her in her last days.

Sleep on Mommy take your rest we loved you dearly, but God loved you best.

Respectively submitted, The Family

Order of Service

Processional

The Recessional

Selection

Interment

Cathedral Cemetery Scranton, Pennsylvania

A Mice Thought

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep, If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more. If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day. If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do. If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away. For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say our "I love you's", And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?" But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope you never forget, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight. So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish. So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear, Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about today.

<u>Acknowledgements</u>

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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