

In Loving Memory of



Evelyn Valentine

Sunrise
February 26, 1924

Sunset
October 31, 2014

Visitation and Services

Saturday, November 8, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

James E. Churchman Jr. Funeral Home

345 13th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Evelyn Valentine was born to Eva and Edgar J. Valentine on February 26, 1924 in Newark, New Jersey. The fourth child, Evelyn joined her brothers Edgar Jr., Algie, and sister Lois. After graduating South Side High School in Newark, NJ, Evelyn enrolled in Virginia Union University. During her time at V.U.U., Evelyn pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha and became an Ivy Leaf. Missing her family and friends, Evelyn returned to Newark.

During World War II Evelyn worked at RCA Victor, the Army War Department, and the Navy Yard at the Bayonne Navy Base. Later, Evelyn was employed with the State of New Jersey Banking and Insurance spending 20 years working for anti-poverty programs. Evelyn was also employed as a coordinator for the Newark Golden Age Project and the Essex County Registrars office. Eventually, Evelyn served as an aide to Assemblyman Eugene Thompson.

In the 1950's Evelyn met and married Charles A. Matthews. During this union three children were born; Daryl, Karen, and Carlton Matthews. Evelyn was; a devoted grandmother to Trinity, Erin, Dorian, and Adrienne; adoring great-grandmother to Jayden and Janiya; faithful mother-in-law to Gail, Iris, and Zara; and beloved by a host of nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Memberships included the NAACP, the Larrie W. Stalks Civic Association, the Kenneth Gibson Civic Association, and the National Council on Aging Senior Centers, AARP, The Nelle Grier Center, The Newark Rent Control Board, and First Baptist Church of Jericho.

A true people person, Evelyn spent a lifetime in service and commitment to others.

"I have kept the faith"

"I have run the race"

"I have served God"

Order of Service

Opening Remarks

The Lord's Prayer

Musical selection..... “How Great Thou Art”

Reading of Psalms 34: verses 1-2

“I will bless the Lord at all times” his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.”

Musical selection

Reading of the Obituary

Remarks..... from grandchildren

Musical Selection..... “Never Would Have Made It”

Eulogy.....Bishop Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.
from St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, NJ

Invitations of Brief Remarks..... from Attendees

Remarks.....Daryl A. Matthews

Closing..... Evelyn would like everyone to sing..... “Auld Lang Syne”

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Richmond, Virginia

Repast

Saint James AME Church
588 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Newark, NJ

Honorary Pall Bearers

Gail Davis Carlton Matthews

Jayden Matthews

Dorian Davis Daryl Matthews

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **Evelyn Matthews** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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