



In Loving Memory of

Guendolyn C. Richardson

Sunrise
July 28, 1945

Sunset
November 5, 2014

Service

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory, Orange, NJ

Reflections of Life

Gwendolyn Celestine Richardson, daughter of Marian Buie and Evander Dericot, was born on July 28, 1945 at Fordham Hospital in Bronx, NY. She departed this life on November 5, 2014. She was predeceased by her brother, Sgt. Isaac Michael Buie.

Gwen lived in Brooklyn, NY throughout her childhood and for much of her formative years. Concentric to her education, Gwen was raised in the Catholic faith, attending two catholic schools, St. Athanasius (elementary) and St. Teresa of Avila (secondary), both located in Brooklyn, NY. **In 1962**, she moved to Newark, NJ, continuing her educational and vocational goals. During this time of her development, she attended Manpower, earning a technical diploma, as well as a nursing program, earning a certificate in nursing terminology. **In 1964**, Gwendolyn married Elijah Richardson. From this union, four children were born. The two mutually separated in 1977. She held a number of technical and retail positions, prior to bartending for eighteen years. She retired from bartending in **2004**. Her eclectic resume ranged from shop steward at Rosanna Cards to den mother for her son's Boy Scout troop to "mayor" of Birchwood Adult Day Care Center (East Orange, NJ).

If there are any two words that could accurately describe Gwen, they are "loving" and "passionate". Gwen loved her family and friends completely and faithfully, and she accepted no less than the same from those who loved her back. Whatever pursuits or endeavors she undertook, she did so with deep passion. Typically, it was all or nothing for her. Half-stepping was not an option. Passion-driven, she could be your best friend, or most formidable foe. Those who were closest to her were most cognizant to not tempt the line between the two. She was a doting mother, devoted grandmother (and great-grandmother), loving sister and aunt, and loyal friend. We will miss her greatly.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Elijah Richardson, her mother, Marian Ruth Buie, one son, Jason L. Richardson; three daughters, Alethea V. Richardson, Sabrina R. Richardson, and Erikka A. Richardson; two brothers, Eric P. Buie and Byron G. Teal; three sisters, Deborah L. Howell, Iris H. Philson, and Robin C. Jones; four granddaughters, LaToya D. Evans, Iman S. Richardson, Jasmine A. Richardson, and Kayla Z. Meighan; one great-grandson, Ian C. McGill, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, other relatives, and friends.

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