

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF**

Aretha W. Eliga

Sunrise: May 25, 1936 - Sunset: April 12, 2017



Service:

Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Aretha Eliga entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Aretha Eliga was born in Bainbridge, GA on May 25, 1936 to the late Lillie Williams and Robert Williams. Known to family and friends as “Retha” she graduated from New Girls Vocational High School. She worked several jobs and retired at Conrad Hanovia in Newark, NJ

A very devoted wife and mother, she leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Areatha Eliga; her sisters, Marlene Foster-Brown, Rebecca Williams-McCollough of Bainbridge GA, Lola Atkins and Donnell McNeal. Her son-in-law, Harold Pryor and daughter-in-law, Lisa Elijah of Tallahassee Florida. Her brothers-in-law, Anthony Brown and James Atkins; Six Grandchildren, 7 Great grandchildren. She left behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lillie Williams and Robert Williams, her husband, Ralph Eliga, her sister, Mary L. West, her son, Robert Elijah and her daughter, Regina Pryor.

The family extends the greatest gratitude to her daughter, Areatha Eliga and also her home health aid Rachel Catman, for the exceptional care they provide her mother over the past 7 years.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

There will be No Repast

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.

I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

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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