

In Loving Memory of



**EVALENA
WASHINGTON**

JUNE 24, 1931 - APRIL 16, 2026

SERVICE

Saturday, May 2, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.

Canaan Baptist Church
132 W.116th Street • New York, NY

Order of Service

- Processional Family/Clergy
- Officiant Chaplain Harriet Sampson
- Opening Prayer/Words/ Scripture Chaplain Harriet Sampson
- Choir Song "Take Me To The King"
- Obituary Reading/Poem Latisha Washington & John Washington
- Remarks/Tributes Family
- Preached Eulogy Dr. Evangelist Lee Hill
- Choir Song "Jesus is Love"
- BenedictionDr. Evangelist Lee Hill / Superintendent: Timothy Trent
- Recessional Funeral Director
- Committal Restland Memorial Park

Interment

Restland Cemetery
East Hanover, NJ

Obituary

With deep love and heartfelt sorrow, we celebrate the beautiful life of Evalena Washington, who peacefully transitioned on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at the age of 94 years old.

Evalena was born on June 24, 1931, in Greenville, South Carolina, to the late John Paul Wright and Nellie Arthur Wright. As one of 10 children, she was raised in a large loving family where faith, strength and togetherness were treasured. Those same values became the foundation of her own life which led her to be a loving and devoted teacher at P.S 102 in Harlem for 28 years.

Evalena was a woman of class, dignity, and quiet strength. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her warm spirit, joyful laugh, sweet smile and wisdom brought unconditional love to everyone blessed to know her. She gave generously of herself and always made her kids and family a priority. She always stepped with stride and grace, from her high heels and matching bags, to her leopard print with matching accessories. She shined when she entered a room and she always stood proud, poised and with confidence. She was a "Diva" and she wore the title well.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Washington; her cherished daughter, Diana Cobbs, her parents John Paul Wright and Nellie Arthur Wright; her sisters, Alma Juanita Nance; Edna Mae Reed; Julia Suzanna Heyward; Winifred Cathy Yeargin; and her brother, John Lincoln "Bud" Wright.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her loving children: Terry Wright (Patricia Ann Wright), John "Butch" Washington; Michelle Washigton-Medley (Clint Medley); and Donna "Baby Girl" Washington and son-in-law, Ronald Cobbs. She also leaves her treasured grandchildren, Latisha Washington, Tanyelle Washington, Ronald Cobbs Jr., Terri-Ann Wright-Mills, Kristy Qualls, Jennifer "Gigi" Wright, Taishia Cobbs, Brian Cobbs, Clint "Bugsy" Washington III, Darielle Washington, her adored 15 great grands + 1 on the way, 7 great-great grands, her loving sisters, JoEllen Scott (John), Nina Jean Minor (William), and Carol Williams, her brother Wilbanks Wright, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and all whose lives were enriched by knowing her.

Evalena's life was a shining example of love, faith, perseverance, and devotion to family. Her legacy lives on in the values she instilled in her children, the memories she created, and the love she shared so freely.

If Roses Grow In Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my mom's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day, but there's an
ache within my heart
that will never go away.



Acknowledgements

The family of Evalena Wright Washington sincerely thanks everyone for their prayers, expressions of love, kindness and support shown during this difficult time. Your compassion will always be remembered.

*"Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure.
She is loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."*

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