Celebrating the Life of

Francine Rainey

Sunrise
January 19, 1934

Sunset
November 12, 2026



Monday, November 23, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating

Obituary



Francine (née Wright) Rainey was born on January 19, 1934, in Washington, D.C., to Viola (née Anthony) Wright and John Lee Wright Sr.

She was raised in Washington, D.C., surrounded by family, and attended Martha Washington Vocational High School. In her adult life, Francine remained an avid reader with a lifelong love of learning.

She met and married William Hugh Rainey around 1960. She then relocated to Paterson, New Jersey, where she began a new chapter in her life.

Francine was a hardworking and talented woman who dedicated herself to both her family and her work. Throughout her life, she was employed as a nursing assistant, housekeeper, and cook. She was also a devoted homemaker who gave shelter to those in need and was also a foster parent. She was a skilled seamstress who made baby clothes, upholstered furniture, and beautiful curtains. Her creativity and attention to detail were reflected in everything she made.

Francine had a love for fashion and enjoyed dressing in beautiful garments. She took pride in her appearance and enjoyed social gatherings, celebrations, and spending time with others. Known for her outgoing and outspoken personality, Francine was never afraid to speak her mind. She had a presence and personality that made her unforgettable to those who knew her.

She was also an excellent cook who enjoyed preparing meals for her family. Whether through her cooking, sewing, or simply sharing her thoughts, Francine had her own special way of making an impression on those around her.

On Thursday, November 12, 2026, Francine peacefully departed this life at the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Viola and John Lee Wright Sr., son; Wayne Wright, brother; Command Sergeant Major John L. Wright Jr., five sisters: Shirley Wright, Desilee Cade, Lula Mayhew, Nannie Brown, and Elizabeth Rogers, and son in law; Humon McCallum.

Francine is survived by three children; Leslie McCallum, Carla Freeman, and Charles Rainey, five grandchildren; Monique Wade, Muthama Nzioka, Raymond Wright, Kathuka Nzioka, and Shawn McCallum, her beloved sister; Valerie Matthews, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members and loved ones who will forever cherish her memory.

Francine will be remembered for her strong personality, her love of fashion, her hardworking spirit, and the many talents she shared throughout her life. She was a woman who lived life on her own terms, spoke her mind, and left a lasting impression on those who knew her.

Though she is no longer with us, her memory will live on through the generations of family she leaves behind and the many lives she touched along the way.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort
Rev. Anthony Cureton

Recessional

Interment
Arlington Cemetery
748 Schuyler Ave.
Kearny, New Jersey









Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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