

Celebration of the Life of
Lydia J. McGriff

Sunrise: November 14, 1945 - Sunset: November 12, 2017



Saturday, November 18, 2017
2 o'clock p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Presiding: Rev. Charles Alphabet, Jr., Pastor
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Order of Service

Processional

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection.....Charles Alphabet, III

Remarks.....3 minutes please

Special Remarks.....Sean Eric White

Obituary Read Silently

Selection..... Musician

Message.....Rev. Charles Alphabet, Jr.

Benediction

INTERMENT

Monday, November 20, 2017
Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Obituary

Lydia Jeanne McGriff was born November 14, 1945 to Rev. William McGriff and Elizabeth Mae Smart McGriff. Lydia was the second of four daughter born to this union that lasted a lifetime.

Lydia attended school in Newark, New Jersey and graduated with honors from South Side High School. She began working immediately after graduation but returned to get her college education later in life.

Ms. McGriff started her work life as a secretary for a law firm in downtown Newark. She started her career as a secretary with the East Orange Board of Education in September 1982. During her 26 years with the Board, she held various clerical positions. Lydia retired in 2011 to enjoy the rest of her life on her own terms.

Lydia was born and raised in Canaan Baptist Church in Newark where her father was the pastor until his death. Lydia was a member of the choir and had a beautiful soprano voice. At times she would just start singing where ever she was and it did not matter who heard her.

Lydia was beautiful inside and out. Her smile could light up the room. She was loving, giving and caring. Although Lydia did not have any children of her own, she 'adopted' many young people showing them the love of God through her many unselfish acts of kindness. She would send flowers to brighten up your day when she felt you might be a down. One of her favorite television stations was HSN. She would place an order whenever the spirit moved her. The orders we usually for someone else, not for herself. Different things would showed up at your door even if it wasn't your birthday.

Lydia was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. William and Elizabeth McGriff, two sisters, Kareen McGriff and Deborah McGriff, 2 stepbrothers Mac and Fred McGriff and 4 stepsisters Ruth Watson, Dorothy Love Coates, Jessie Lee Thurman and Mae Lillian McCaffey.

She leaves to remember her beautiful life one sister, Sharon McGriff Alphabet (Rev. Charles Alphabet, Jr.), three nephews, Sean Eric White, Charles Alphabet, III and Eric Dewane Anderson, two nieces Shantel and Shanika Alphabet, one step sister Naomi Chambers and a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She also leaves to remember her with love, her East Orange Board of Education Family and very special friends that became sisters, Janie Williams and Sharon Russell. She will also be missed by her driver and brother of 18 years Makenzy.

She will be missed by all but she is now at home with the Lord and can finally take her rest.

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Miss Me But, Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.

Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

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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