

*Celebration of Life For*  
*Emma Ruth Gordon*



Sunrise: April 17th 1949

Sunset: January 8th 2018

**Services**

Saturday, January 13th 2018 - 3:00 pm

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey  
**Rev. Edward A. Allen, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Emma Ruth Gordon** was born on April 17, 1949 in Laurel Hill, NC to Curtis and Mary Lee McRae. Ruth attended Reedy Branch Baptist Church in Clio, SC, where at 11 years old she was baptized and received Christ in her life as her personal Lord and Savior.

She later moved to New Jersey in 1968 where she met Kevin Gordon and they were married for thirty years. She started her career at Essex County Hospital Center located in Cedar Grove, N.J as a Hospital attendant where she worked for forty seven years.

Ruth was a sparkle of joy always smiling, laughing and loved to dance. She was a jazzy queen. For those that really knew her she loved to travel from place to place. She had the fanciest clothes which fit her to the tee. We will always cherish the love she shared and gave. She will forever be with us all.

Ruth leaves to cherish her memory her son; Jeffrey Gordon (Tiffany). Four sisters, Eula McPhatter, Dorothy Rivers, Annie Vivian Jordan (deceased), and Gereline Williams (deceased). Brother in-law Duckery McPhatter, Ernest Rivers Jr., John Jordan, James Henry Williams (all deceased) Seven brothers and sister in-laws; Ernest (deceased) and Doris McRae, William and Rosetta McRae, Archie and Blanche McRae, Robert and Barbara McRae, James and Henrietta McRae, Daniel and Charlene McRae, John and Pearlean Byrd. Granddaughter Nytia Gordon, a great grandson Jordan and a God daughter Imani. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins. Many friends and acquaintances.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy  
Rev. Edward A. Allen

Recessional

**CREMATION**

Private

## *When Tomorrow Starts Without*



When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

*-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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