

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Areitha Wade*

*Sunrise*  
April 4, 1929

*Sunset*  
April 7, 2018



Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
Service 11:00 am

**CHRISTIAN CULTURAL CENTER**  
12020 Flatlands Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

## Obituary

**Areitha Mae Wade** was born on April 4, 1929, to Wilford and Magnolia Henry, in Philadelphia, PA. She was the oldest of three children, with two sisters, Dorothy and Juanita, both of whom are deceased. At a very early age, Areitha's family moved to Brooklyn, NY. She attended P.S. 35 and graduated from Sarah J. Hale, H.S. While in high-school, Areitha first learned how to sew, a hobby that she enjoyed throughout her life.

On December 5, 1948, Areitha married George H. Wade. They had 3 children; Debbie, Sonny and Glenn. After the death of her sister Juanita, Areitha and George raised their niece Apryl, as one of their own. Areitha and George were married for 52 years, before he passed in 2000.

A hard-working woman, Areitha held part-time jobs while her children were young. In 1984, once her children were adults, Areitha began her career with NYC Transit. Areitha's dedication and ability to work quickly led to her promotion to the position of Clerical Associate. She remained with Transit for 20 years, retiring in 2004.

Upon retiring, Areitha spent her days visiting with long-time friends, calling her many grandchildren to check on them, and traveling on cruise ships. Areitha also attended The Amityville Senior Center, where she was a member of the Diva Table, aptly named because all of the members considered themselves "the cute ones" at the center.

Areitha's family was her great passion in life. She was well-known for her large family gatherings. The matriarch of the family, Areitha would bring everyone together for big occasions like Christmas, as well as everyday moments like Sunday dinners. Never turning a soul away, Areitha would joyfully begin her "feast" preparations, 2 to 3 days ahead of schedule. We will always fondly remember her famous dinner rolls, which caused dozens of family squabbles over who would get to eat the last one.

Areitha became a believer at an early age, being raised in the Roman Catholic tradition. As an adult, she attended Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Later, in 1993, she joined Christian Cultural Center. She remained a devoted Christian and CCC member throughout her later life. Areitha loved her church and adored her Pastor. His teachings helped her build up a generous spirit, a desire to speak words of life to her family, and a commitment to those that she loved. She freely gave her time and her money to her family, especially to her grandchildren. Fastidious about dates, Areitha never missed a birthday and always mailed beautiful cards, with generous checks. She is a great example of compassion and charity, as she time and time again sowed into our lives, without needing to be asked or to be repaid.

Areitha departed this life, painless and peaceful, on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Cherishing her memory are her 4 children, her son-in-law Anthony, her daughter-in-law Louise, and her 12 grandchildren; Kyle, Geonard, Shawan, Sarra, Isaac, Khalilah, Tawanna, Sharonda, Jenaya, Malik, Lil Glenn (deceased) and Talisa. Areitha also leaves behind 20 great-grandchildren, hosts of nieces, nephews, cousins, 2 sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, her best friends, Betty Pittman, Marie Snipes and Dorothy White, and many more adoring friends.

Areitha will always be remembered for her sassy temperament, her ability to speak her mind, her style, and her love for her family. We will miss her deeply.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

John 14:1-4

Prayer

Musical Selection

Obituary ..... Tasha Henry Wilson

Acknowledgements & Condolences ..... Anahzsa Jones

Expressions ..... Kyle Jones, Shawan Worsley and Jenaya Wade

Musical Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. George Wade

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Interment**  
Maple Grove Cemetery  
Queens, New York



*There are many things in life  
That we do not understand  
But we must trust God's judgment  
And be guided by His hand,  
And all who have God's blessing  
Can rest safely in His care,  
For he promises safe passage  
On the wings of faith and prayer.*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgements*

We the family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness, love and expression of sympathy during the loss of our mother. Your love and prayers have strengthened us.

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