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Sunrise: January 13, 1945 Sunset: May 7, 2018

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Service Friday, May 18, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC. 2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

<u>Obituary</u>

*Evelyn Reed* was born on January 13, 1945 in Campbell County, of Lynchburg, Virginia, to parents, Shirley and Maggie McGraw. Evelyn relocated to Bronx, New York as a child, where she resided until her death.

Evelyn graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School located in New York, NY in 1963. In the following year of 1964, Evelyn married her longtime boyfriend, William Arthur Reed, out of this union three sons were born, William, Jr., Derrick and Dwayne Reed.

Evelyn was employed at Harlem Hospital as a Nurse Aide/Patient Escort, where she later retired in 2004. Not ready to rest just yet, Evelyn remained employed at the New York City school system as a Food Service Specialist until 2006.

Evelyn also known as "Edna" to family was caring, inspiring, strong, compassionate, generous and nothing short of an amazing woman. Her contagious smile had the ability to brighten up a room. She was a woman who touched many lives and whomever knew her, was blessed to witness the love she gave. She had a passion for gardening and nurturing plants. This was just not a hobby to her, it brought her a piece of serenity.

*Nefertiti, whose name means "a beautiful woman has come" exemplified Evelyn's true character. So inspired, she had the symbolic image tattooed to her chest.* 

*Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley and Maggie McGraw; brother, William McGraw; and son, Derrick Reed.* 

On Monday, May 7, 2018, God called one of his angels home. She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by: her two sons, William, Jr. and Dwayne Reed both of Bronx, NY; eight grandchildren, Billy and India Epps, Louis, Arron, Madison, Tamir, Derrick and Brandon Reed; two great-grands, Elishua Epps and Cree Whitfield; five nieces, Vivian, Michelle and Wanda McGraw of Bronx, NY, Evelyn and Lekeisha McGraw of Atlanta, GA; one nephew, William McGraw of Atlanta, GA; one aunt, Mrs. Bessie Pennale of Washington D.C.; eight great-nieces, Erica, Clarissa, Ashley, Kristan, Latoya, Kyera, Taleisha and Destiny; nine great-nephews, Darin, Damarcus, Jordan, Jason, Dontia, Jamal, Maleke, Rashard and Jaeshawn; and a host of cousins and friends.

*Her mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be dancing, gardening, and laughing to her heart is content.* 

<u>Order of Service</u>

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Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey





God saw you were getting weary So He did what He thought best. He came and stood beside you And whispered "Come and Rest." You bade no one a last farewell. No, not even a goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why. We shall forever cherish the love, And memory of you. You have been everything to us A daughter, a sister, an aunt, a niece, a friend. God saw the road was getting rough, The hills so hard to climb. So he gently closed your loving eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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