

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white wide-brimmed hat and a white button-down shirt over a red top, is smiling and waving her hands. She is surrounded by a dense field of pink and light pink roses. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

*A Celebration of Life*  
*Mrs. Mary Frances Maddox Evans*

*Sunrise*  
*July 7, 1929*

*Sunset*  
*January 14, 2019*

**Service**  
Wednesday January 23, 2019  
Viewing 10- 11:00 am  
Service 11:00 am

**Vailsburg Assembly of God**  
962-970 South Orange Ave, Newark, NJ 07106  
**Officiating by Pastor Kenneth Welch**

## Obituary

**Mrs. Mary Frances Maddox Evans** was born July 7, 1929 in Eatonton, Georgia. Her parents James Maddox and Lillie Mae Vincent Holt (Stepfather: Jimmie Lee Holt, deceased), preceded her in death. She departed this life to eternal rest on January 14, 2019. The love of her life, Marcellus Eugene Evans (2006) preceded her in death.

She started her educational journey in Macon, Georgia, but subsequently completed it in Newark, New Jersey with high honors. She worked a wide variety of jobs from a main cook in a restaurant, seamstress in sew shop and a presser in the cleaners. She worked and retired from Greystone Psychiatric Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey.

She was a member of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church in which she faithfully served as a deaconess and a member of the usher board. She later became a member of Christ Church of Elizabeth and fellowshipped with Community Gospel Church of Rensselaer New York. She was not a stranger to servanthood, because she had a servant's heart. There were countless times in which she would help those in need. One of her many passions was cooking in which she hosted dinners where the house would be filled beyond capacity. Simply put, to her family and friends, she epitomized a Proverbs 31 woman.

She is preceded in death by her two sons Lawrence Charles Washington Sr. and Douglas Edward Washington, and her grandson, Lawrence Charles Washington Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory, her son Major Wesley Washington (Spouse: Danielle Washington) of California and two daughters Virginia Laverne Barker (Spouse: Michael Barker) of New York and EdyeMae Gayton (Spouse: Mack Gayton, deceased) of New Jersey, Lawrence Charles Washington Sr. (Cynthia Washington). God Brothers Mark Lee and Scott Lee. God daughters Janice Sanders Moye and Marsha Mayo. She also leaves a brother in law, sister in laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, cousins and host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection ..... “Boyz II Men “Dear Mama”

Prayer

Old Testament-Psalms 23.....Minister Arlither Johnson

New Testament-I Corinthians 15:55-58

Selection ..... “Going Up Yonder”

Reflections

Reading of Obituary.....Jaqueline Ramos

Eulogy.....Pastor Kenneth Welch

Selection ..... “I’ll Fly Away”

Acknowledgements

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Hollywood Memorial Park  
1500 Stuyvesant Ave  
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### ***Repast***

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### **Pallbearers**

Family & Friends

### **Flower Bearers**

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# Proverb 31 Woman

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

*The Wife of Noble Character*

10 [b]A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is respected

at the city gate, where he takes his

seat among the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the affair of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

## Acknowledgement

We would like to take this time to thank everyone. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for the many prayers, words of comfort, and the many acts of sympathy expressed during our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray with us and for us.

The family

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