

*In Celebration of the Life
of*



Edna P. Hampton

Sunrise: October 21, 1930 - Sunset: June 25, 2019

Service

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey

The Reverend Dr. Lloyd Terrell, Officiating

Walt Sorey, Organist

Order of Service

Prelude.....“Precious Memories”

Selection.....“The Lord’s Prayer”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16

Prayer of Consolation.....The Rev. Dr. Lloyd Terrell
Psalm 121

Selection.....“Amazing Grace”

Poem.....Daffodils - Julian Pierce Keene
By William Wordsworth - Alycia Yvonne Searwar

Obituary.....Jacquelyn Keene-Owens
Crystal Keene Searwar

Selection..... Time - By J. Faith & A. Felder

Reflections.....(two minutes please)

Eulogy.....The Rev. Dr. Lloyd Terrell

Benediction

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

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Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Edna P. Hampton: Wife, Mother, Homemaker, Friend

Edna Pauline Gaither was born on October 21, 1930, in Baltimore, Maryland. Edna, affectionately known as Beebe, was educated in the Baltimore Public School system. She was an outstanding student who excelled in academics and participated in cheerleading, music, dance and field sports. Upon high school graduation at age 16, she began her course of study at Morgan State College. Shortly thereafter, she moved to New York City with her mother, Thomasina and stepfather, Robert Allen, who served our nation as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. Beebe worked several jobs in the city before meeting Robert Rose Keene. They fell in love, married and relocated to Newark, NJ and settled into married life. Their 16-year union brought forth four children: Anna Rose, Russell Alan, Jacquelyn Yvonne and Julian Alexander.

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In 1967, Beebe married her long-time friend and bridge partner, Pierce Hampton, also known as Hamp, with whom she remained until his death in 2006. Together they reared four children in a home filled with love, good food, books and music, and by example, taught them the meaning of family and the value of education, hard work and responsible living. During the early '70's, Beebe enrolled at Kean University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. She was respected as a woman of grace and integrity and widely regarded as a fierce competitor and consummate professional. From an entry level job in the US Postal Service, Beebe ascended to the position of Northeast Regional Director of Procurement Services—the position she held until retirement in 1989.

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During their 39 years together, Beebe and her beloved Hamp—both life master bridge players—indulged their passion for world travel, Scrabble, Pac-Man, crosswords, games of strategy, cards, pets, and most of all, time with their precious grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and planner whose creative touches made our holidays, milestones, family celebrations and Sunday dinners unforgettable. Her zest for life was boundless, and she approached all situations with audacity and certainty of purpose. Beebe was a devoted wife and mother whose courage, determination, sacrifice and offbeat humor made our home a special place. She will forever be our source of strength, inspiration and love.

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Edna transitioned on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Left to mourn her passing and honor her traditions are her children: Anna, Russell, Jacquelyn and Julian; son-in-law, Gerald; daughters-in-law: Yvonne, Barbara and Mary; grandchildren: Fard, Ya-Sin, Dorian, Kelley, Julian, Jr., Crystal and husband, Dwayne; her loving companion and great-granddaughter, Alycia; and a host of in-laws, relatives and friends.

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My Wish For You

This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more; Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelations 21:4

Acknowledgement

The family of **Edna P. Hampton** acknowledges with sincere appreciation the warm expressions of sympathy from those who share our grief at the passing of our loved one. Your kindness and generosity will be recognized at a later time.

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