

Celebrating the Life & Legacy

Of

Sylvia A. (Watson) Morris

**Sunrise
January 1933**

**Sunset
September 10, 2019**



Service:

Thursday, September 19, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

VARICK MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH

120 Atlantic Street, Hackensack, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Melanie Miller, Pastor

Eddie Jemont, Organist



Reflections of Life

Sylvia (Watson) Morris was the youngest of five children born unto Alonzo and Janie Watson. Sylvia was very close with her siblings, brothers, Abe and Sam Watson and sisters Emily Wilder and Rose Gilbert (all deceased). Abe and Sam were required by their father to prepare Sylvia a cup of coffee every morning or they were in trouble. Abe, especially, spoiled Sylvia terribly! Sylvia attended church with Emily and Rose was her hairdresser. She could be often found in Hackensack often at one of brothers Sam's famous barbecues.

Sylvia attended elementary school in Garfield, NJ. She graduated from Central & Technical High School in Newark, NJ. She excelled in mathematics, typing and stenography.

Tootsie, as she was nicknamed desired to become a bookkeeper however her life path changed. She met and married Stephen Morris and this union produced two children, Gary and Denise.

Sylvia was baptized at a young age. A good parent, she taught her children about Christ and took them to church and taught them to pray. She wouldn't let her kids go to sleep with just the "Now I lay me down to sleep prayer" that her sister Emily taught Gary & Denise but objected and made them say the biblical "Lord's" Prayer. Sylvia was a God fearing woman who read the Bible daily, she prayed and really knew how to get a prayer answered. One of her favorite ministers was Oral Roberts. She was also a big fan of Kenneth & Gloria Copeland.

She was employed by Ranno Electro Plating Company in SaddleBrook for many years. She was a good co-worker and went to collect everyone's lunches daily while at Ranno. Sylvia left to begin working at Corrado's Family Affair in Clifton, NJ.

Sylvia was a great cook, learning this skill from her mother. She was known for her good salads, just ask her cousin, Diane Carter about Tootsie's Christmas spreads. When the family vacationed at her husband Stephen brother's home on Long Island, Sylvia took over the kitchen and cooked every day to the delight of her nephews!

Her cousin, Linda Fagin recalls "joyriding" with Tootsie in her Mustang or Ford Mach 1 and the Logan ladies can tell you about going to PizzaTown with Tootsie and going to her house next door to listen to records when they was young.

A big gospel music fan, Sylvia loved Mahalia Jackson. Her favorite selection "In the Upper Room" would be playing on repeat and playing way too loudly for the neighbors. Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace" album was another favorite. She also loved R&B music, anything Motown and Marvin Gaye's hit "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" was also repeated again & again playing way too loud for the neighborhood.

Sylvia enjoyed watching movies and TV. She so loved the Wendy Williams Show and Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns series. Sylvia always wanted to see Mr. Brown and watch his crazy antics.

Sylvia departed this life on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 peacefully at home with her devoted daughter by her side. She will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: beloved children, Gary Morris and Denise Morris. Her favorite cousins, Diane Carter, Linda Fagin and Valerie O'Connor. Four nephews, two nieces, a great-niece, two great-nephews, and a host of other relatives, good neighbors and her good friend from childhood, Sandra Spence-Freeman.

A special thanks and appreciation is extended to Pastor Melanie Miller and the Varick AME Zion Church Family.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Eddie Jemont

Processional Clergy and Family

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

The Scriptural Lesson(s)

Old Testament

New Testament

The Prayer of Comfort

Choral Selection

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

The Reflections of Life

Words of Comfort Visiting Clergy

Tribute from Family

Choral Selection/Hymn

The Eulogy Pastor Melanie Miller

Choral Selection

Benediction

Recessional



Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Rt . 20 and McLean Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

She is at peace; She is at rest
To have the pleasure of knowing
Sylvia, we are truly blessed.
Heaven is rejoicing,
another saint coming in.
Yet we are saddened,
we miss her and the fun it's been.
Her body suffers no longer,
Where she is now, she is much stronger.
She knew Jesus and that's what matters.
Farewell for now, until we meet
again.....somewhere, somehow,
by His Grace in that Heavenly Place.
Author, Denise E. Morris

2 Timothy 4: 7-8

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Sylvia A. (Watson) Morris** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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