

A Celebration of Life for



Margaret Cherry

May 20, 1947 – October 20, 2019

Memorial Service

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 11:00 am

CAGGIANO MEMORIAL HOME

62 Grove Street • Montclair, NJ 07042

Eileen Cooper Reed, Officiant

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Opening PrayerEileen Cooper Reed

Welcome from the Family..... Tanya Holt

Obituary Reading..... India Gary-Martin

Scripture Reading..... India Gary-Martin

Cards and CondolencesDesiree Ratti

Amazing Grace..... Najee

Reflections..... John Borden

Vanessa Robertson

Tributes(Limit 2 minutes please)

Musical Selection

Closing ScriptureIndia Gary-Martin

EulogyEileen Cooper Reed



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39 Gilbert Pl, West Orange, NJ 07052

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Obituary

Margaret P. Cherry was born Margaret Phyllis Holt to Harry and Lillie Mae Holt on May 20, 1947 in Rome, New York. Margaret was one of six siblings whom she loved dearly; Harry, Wanda, Brian, Wayne (Tina) and Sean. Margaret is survived by her only living sibling Wanda, and 14 nieces and nephews. She was especially fond of her grand-niece Samara who had a very special place in her heart and who she looked forward to seeing at every visit.

Margaret lived a full and wonderful life. The family moved to Queens, New York where Margaret graduated from August Martin High School in Queens. Just after high school in 1965, Margaret married Paul Wesley Joyiens (Dawud Abdul-Sabor) and two years later in 1967, the light of her life, Monique Renee Joyiens was born. Margaret was fully devoted to Monique and ensuring her happiness. Where there was one, there was the other, their bond one that was admired by many.

In the early 1970's Margaret and Monique moved to Lake Tahoe following her brother Wayne who was the bass player for Little Anthony and the Imperials. She soon became the road manager for the group and for many years managed their affairs before moving back to New York in the late 1970's when she became a part of the financial management team for Bob Marley and The Wailers. What a life she led!

Margaret was a chameleon who could do anything she could put her mind to. After her time in the music business, and as Monique was getting older, she decided to turn her management skills to the Practicing Law Institute and finished out a long career at Bank Street College where she retired as Director of Advancement Ops and Executive Assistant to the Vice President.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Margaret or "Margie-Marge" as she was affectionately called by her friends and family loved Broadway shows, travel, puzzles, 3-D Lego, and any art and craft imaginable. She also loved to cook and bake. Her fried pork chops and apple pies were legendary! Her favorite magazine and shows were People, Entertainment Tonight and Ninja Warrior - she was a master of celebrity trivia! Her coveted Swarovski collection had pride of place in the home that she shared with Monique and Denzel Washington was her main man!

Most of all, Margaret loved spending time laughing and loving her family and friends but none more than the jewel in her crown, Monique.

Rest well, Margaret Phyllis Holt. Your spirit forever surrounds us.

"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not build by human hands."
- 2 Corinthians 5:4

*Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow
But remember me in every tomorrow
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles
I've only gone to rest for a little while*



Acknowledgement

The family of Margaret Cherry wishes to express sincere heart-felt thanks for your comforting and uplifting expressions of sympathy. Thank you for your love and support.

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