

Obituary



Maxine Marion McElroy was born in Newark, New Jersey on June 20, 1947 to the late Dorothy and Curtis Lewis.

She was a lifelong resident of New Jersey, residing in Newark, Hillside and Hightstown. She attended Miller Street Elementary School, Clinton Place Junior High School and graduated from South Side High School in 1965.

Maxine was married to Michael Rice, Sr. and from this union, a son, Michael Rice, Jr. was born. She was a great example of strength, knowledge, and love to her only son. On April 6,

1995, she married her beloved husband Charles McElroy and remained married to him until her passing on December 8, 2019. She was the daughter of Dorothy Jackson (deceased) and Willis Jackson, sister of Curtis Lewis (deceased), Jacqueline Jackson, Sheila Slaten and Keith Jackson (deceased), stepmother of Diana Perren. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michelle, Alexie, Brittany and Janae and one greatgranddaughter Aliyah, plus loving relative to a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends and neighbors.

Maxine was just like her mom, a strong, caring and feisty woman who loved her family. She was a social butterfly, and a big sister and protector to everyone. Maxine was a mother that you could always come to for great advice and confide in. She loved family gatherings from her childhood on Sherman Avenue, and later hosted gatherings at her home in Hightstown.

Maxine will be missed by all who passed through her life. She would have wanted for everyone to remember her life and not mourn her loss, but to wish her a "Good Journey".

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Recessional



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free! -author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Maxine M. McElroy** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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