

In Loving Memory of
Narcissa E. Reed

Sunrise
April 2, 1935

Sunset
January 25, 2020



Service

Friday, January 31, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Vanessa E. Reed was born April 2, 1935 in Farmville, Virginia to Lula Watkins and Burnet Coles. She departed this life on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Vanessa attended school in the Prince Edward County School District. She graduated from the all black high school of Robert R. Moton. This was the site of a student protest where students protested the poor conditions of the school compared to Farmville High School in 1951. This action spurred the 1952 Davis vs. Prince Edward County lawsuit, which was ultimately incorporated into Brown vs. Board of Education lawsuit.

Vanessa later met and married Joseph Reed who was her high school sweetheart.

Vanessa worked as a housekeeper and in several factories including Annin Flagmakers in Verona, NJ for many years.

Vanessa loved her family, music, laughter and any type of peppermint candy. She was an extremely determined, protective and hard working woman.

She is survived by: two sons, Kevin Reed of New York, and Joseph Reed Jr. of East Orange, New Jersey, a daughter, Donna Haskin of Rice, Virginia, two nieces, Yolanda Coles, Pamela Clarke, two nephews, Edward Coles and Craig Hill, and host of other family and many friends.

Order of Service

Presiding.....Bishop O. R. Brooks

Organ Prelude

Musical SelectionJocelyn Brown

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Romans 8:35, 37-39

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selectionby Jocelyn Brown

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements.....Stacey Parker

ObituaryKim Hunter-Borst

Musical Selection..... by John Stanley

Eulogy.....Bishop O. R. Brooks

Recessional

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Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Revelation 21:4

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”*

Acknowledgement

The family thanks all who have assisted in their time of sorrow.
A personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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