

A Celebration of Life

Emma

Lee

Murphy

January 26, 1941 - July 23, 2020

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Service

Monday, August 3, 2020 - 10:00AM

Jackson Funeral Residence

445 Monmouth Street

Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Elder Deborah Maxwell White, Officiating

Obituary

Emma Murphy was born on January 26, 1941 to Fannie Griffin and Cleophas Sullivan Sr. in Clarks Hill, South Carolina. She was the fourth child of eleven children. She was married to the late Peter Murphy of Whiteville, North Carolina.

Emma received her education in the Jersey City Public School System. She began her education at Public School #22, and graduated from James J. Ferris High School. She furthered her education by taking post graduate courses offered at Dickinson High School.

Emma had an extensive working career. During the period from August 1959 to 1968 she was employed at TOPS, a stationary firm on Tonnele Avenue in Jersey City, then moved with Manco Watch Manufacturing. In 1968, Emma gained employment at what we now know as Blue Cross Blue Shield of New York. Over the 30-year span of working for this company, her work included medical records, compiler of insurance rates and fees, training of staff personnel, processing claims, staff management and procedures, and divisional review and reports of patients. She became the Division Manager's Assistant and completed her tenure on May 14, 1998.

Emma was always goal oriented and wanted to make sure that her parents and family were proud of her. Whether in school or on her job, Emma excelled at whatever she did and distinguished herself as reliable and efficient. In the Sullivan/Murphy family Emma was seen as a leader, that person you can depend on and one who always strived for the best.

Emma was a confirmed member of Monumental Baptist Church for over 20 years and a faithful servant. She served as a member of the Soup Kitchen, the Dorcas Room Ministries, the Chapel Choir and the Mother's Circle. She was also a Den Leader of the Boy Scouts

Emma also understood the importance of service within the community. She dedicated many hours to the Shared Food Program where she assisted in feeding the homeless and providing encouraging words of hope. Although she was not well at times, she persevered and brought meals to the homeless community in Journal Square during evening hours. She had a heart of compassion and her kindness to the community is a great example of brotherly love.

Emma was also a member of the Order of the Most Worthy Masonic Architect of the Universe Grand Lodge where she held the positions of Financial Officer and Chapter Secretary.

Some say sometimes God picks the flower that is still in full bloom. On July 23, 2020, God called his flower, Emma home from her faithful service. Emma will be greatly missed and cherished by her five siblings-Lula Young, Margie Moore, Mattie Pearl Nicholson and Ronald Sullivan (Karen) all of New Jersey and Cleophas Sullivan (Cynthia) of Burke, Virginia. Emma holds a special place in the hearts of her extended family and friends, including 16 nieces and nephews, 26 great nieces and nephews as well as many cousins. Emma was predeceased by her parents, Cleophas and Fannie Griffin Sullivan, three brothers, Curtis, William and Howard Sullivan and two sisters, Nell Fields and Patricia Sullivan Hunter.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Scripture

Old Testament-Pastor Samuel Wright

New Testament -Pastor Edward L. Purnell

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Jeanette Mckenzie Goodson

Soloist

Andy Kemp

Acknowledgements/Obituary Reading

Stefannie Nicholson

Reflections from Family/Friends

Chloe Sullivan

Doris Nicholson

Lula Young

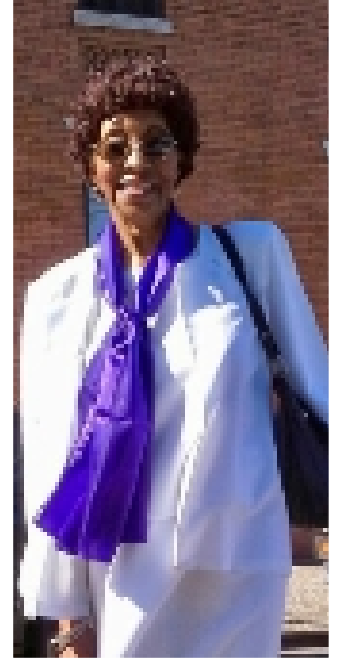
Eulogy

Minister Ronald Sullivan

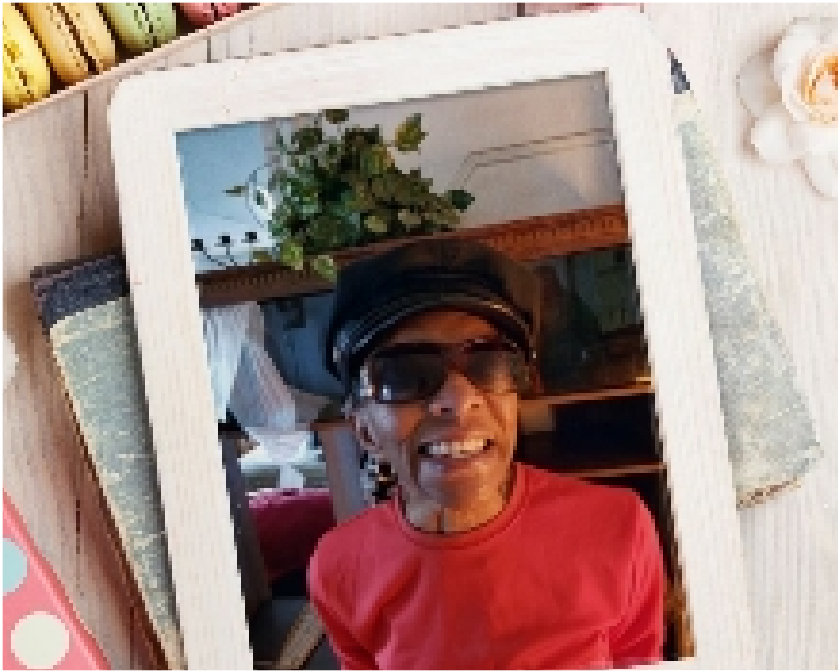
Pastor Dustin Sullivan

Closing Remarks

Benediction /Recessional









I'm There Inside Your Heart
Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.
I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright
I'm there to share the sunsets, too
I'm with you every night.
I'm with you when the times are good
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall
I'll still be there for you.
And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me,
Forever in my heart.
Anon

Acknowledgement

The family of **Emma Lee Murphy** would like to thank you for sharing your memories, support and love. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

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