

In Loving Memory



Esther Branch

"Rose Bud"

DATE OF LIFE: NOVEMBER 3, 1935

DATE OF GOING HOME: NOVEMBER 7, 2020

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 - 12:00 NOON

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Obituary

Each time the world needs an extra touch of love and gentle caring, God creates a Mother.

Esther (Mayo) Branch aka Udy or Rosebud was born in Bronx, NY on 11/3/1935 and was the youngest daughter of Lloyd Mayo and Rebecca Robinson.

She died peacefully of cancer in East Orange, NJ on 11/7/2020 surrounded by her children.

She worked for Allied as a Factory Technician where they made pasta and chocolate. She also worked as a home health aide.

She was a community organizer, loved her family and friends with genuine compassion, and was very civic minded as she worked on the poles every year.

She was always around to give a listening ear, a filling meal, or a hug.

She loved to spend her free time at the casinos in Atlantic City playing her slot machines with her baby boy John Branch Jr.

She loved all kinds of music from gospel, to jazz, to swing. She loved to dance and had a great sense of style.

She leaves behind to cherish her loving memory her children Kathy Mayo, Leon Pittman, Anna Marie Pittman, Walter Pittman, Mary Simmons, Rebecca Puett, and John Branch, Jr. Two step-daughters Xena Franklin, and Elsie Franklin. She also leaves behind one sister, Irene Olin. She was the Awesome great, great, great, great grandmother to a host of grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband John Branch, Sr, her daughter Karen Pittman, her step-daughter Dorlene Franklin, her Mother and Father (Lloyd Mayo Sr. and Rebecca Robinson), and her three brothers (Lloyd Mayo Jr, Richard Mayo, and Thomas Robinson).

Parting word from mom to us all – “Live each day to the fullest. Enjoy your life.”

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Nearer My God To Thee”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1st Corinthians 13:1-13

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

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Selection

“It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye”

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Philemon Baptist Church

Newark, NJ

Recessional



Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park

1621 Stuyvesant Ave.

Union, NJ 07083

Did Anyone Ever Tell You



Did Anyone ever tell you
Just how special you are
The light that you emit
Might even light a star

Did anyone ever tell you
How important you make others feel
Somebody out here is smiling
About love that is so real

Did anyone ever tell you
Many times when they were sad
Your call made them smile a bit
In fact, it made them glad

For the time you spend sending things
And sharing whatever you find
There are no words to thank you

Did anyone ever tell you just how much they love you
Well my dearest Mother today we are telling you.
We Love You Mom and Grandma

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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