



My Rest Is Complete

You wonder why I went away,
And did not say goodbye;
I couldn't bear to tell you
For it hurts me when you cry.
My ship came in early that morning And it was
beautiful to see, The captain was King Jesus,
And he softly beckoned me.
I ran across the leeway, And fell down at his
feet, He took me gently in his arms,
My rest is now complete.
GOD enters by a private door
Into every individual's life!!!

- Author Unknown

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A Celebration of Life for

Estella Ferrell Edwards

January 1, 1950 - February 16, 2021



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 - 11:00 AM

Kingsgate Church

25 Andrew Drive • Woodland Park, New Jersey

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Obituary

Estella Louise Ferrell (Edwards) was born to the late Anna Ferrell and Clifford Ferrell on January 1, 1950. After a long illness, she passed through the gates of heaven on February 16, 2021 at 11:57pm, surrounded by family.

Stella, as everyone lovingly called her (Mookie or Aunt Mookie to her nieces and nephews) was educated by the Newark Public School System and attended Burnet Street school and graduated from Central High School in 1967, where she was captain of the cheerleading squad. Stella grew up in Baxter Terrace, where she was loved by everyone and she will always be remembered for her generosity to all the new mothers there. She ensured that they all had the appropriate baby needs and supplies. Stella was also active with community events and social activism and served as the assistant coach to the Baxter Terrace “Just Us” Kickball team.

Stella enjoyed dancing. You can always find her on the dance floor at every social event. She and her husband Al excelled at Mambo dancing in the late 60’s and 70’s. Stella also loved to cook, sending out inspirational cards/text for all occasions; she never forgot anyone. She loved to help family, friends and strangers alike. She would literally give you the shirt off her back. Stella was a cleaning machine before her illness slowed her down. She would clean your house all night, while you slept. During the time that she lived in Baxter Terrace, it would not be uncommon to find her at the laundromat, at Shoprite or at Topps Diner in Kearny with Janet (Jenkins).

Stella loved her family more than life itself. She would put her family needs before her own. Her husband, sons and grandkids were her world. Her heart became enormous (literally and figuratively) with all the joys and heartache that her family experienced. Stella was a friend, daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother. grandmother and great-grandmother and were able to put her entire heart into all

those roles exceptionally well. Stella had a dynamic personality and infectious smile and became a friend to everyone, even to those she just met.

Stella worked at RWJ/BH (Beth Israel) for 51 years (25+ years at Shoprite in Clark) and finally retired from Beth Israel in October 2020. Stella was a hard worker and worked diligently in multiple departments at Beth Israel, but most well known for being the Manager of the Storeroom/Material’s Management. Over the 51 years, she had developed many work-relationships and friendships, and everyone knew her. She could not walk the halls of the hospital without being stopped to exchange pleasantries, to seek advice or to inquire about family. Stella had a very close relationship with her sister Sheila, who also worked at Beth Israel. Sheila was Stella’s older sister and protector. It not uncommon for Stella to say, “Don’t make me call my sister Sheila” when she was in a bind at work and Sheila would always go running to protect her sister. Stella was indeed well loved, and you could not ignore her more-than-life personality and million-dollar smile.

Stella loved the Lord and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior many years ago. Stella did not mind sharing her love for God to all that listened. She was a member of Abundant Life Family Worship Church in New Brunswick, NJ, where she was known as one of the church mothers. She and her son Ali attended church together as often as she could. She had a burning desire to sing in the choir and was able to do so at Abundant Life on multiple occasion.

Stella was preceded in death by her parents Anna Ferrell and Clifford Ferrell; her son Rahjahn Ferrell and her brother Clifton Ferrell. She leaved to cherish her memory her husband Alfred (Al) Edwards; her sons Alan Ferrell and Ali Ferrell; siblings Sheila Keith, Clifford Ferrell, Tawanna Sampson, Somona Ferrell, and Shakira Ferrell; her sister’s children that she loved as her own Yolonda Keith, Donnell Keith (God-son), Sharonda Keith and Habib Ahad; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Order of Service

Selection

Processional

Opening Prayer

Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection/Dance

Remarks

Obituary Reading

Acknowledgements

Selection

Eulogy

Selection

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
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