

Celebrating to Life of
Bertha W. Bishop-Evans



Sunrise
January 20, 1946

Sunset
March 21, 2021

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 - 5PM

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Obituary

Bertha Victoria Bishop-Evans was born to Cora Lee Edmonds and Louis Bishop on January 20, 1946 at Harlem Hospital in New York City. She was the eldest of seven children, three of whom preceded her in transition, James Jr. (Butch), Larry Dennis and Lorraine Denise Wilkes.

Bertha Victoria was a gifted and talented student. She attended Oak Grove Elementary School in Lawrenceville, Virginia, where she was raised by her grandparents, Cora Lee and Robert Edmonds. Bertha Victoria came to New York at a young age. She attended Stitt Junior High School and Central Commercial High School. She also attended Hostos Community College in the Bronx, NY, where she received her Associate Degree. She then attended Lehman College where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She was one of the founders of the Human Services of the Social Work Program for people who needed extra education in the social work field. She obtained her Master's Degree from Fordham University in the Bronx, NY. Bertha Victoria worked in Human Resources for Administrative Children Services (ACS) for over 41 years. She loved her job helping people and keeping families together. She was very supportive to co-workers, family and friends. She was a positive influence to many spiritually. Bertha Victoria always spoke her mind in a way others understood. She was a positive role model and touched many hearts with her excellence, understanding, and high standards. She was affiliated with the African Black Association Social Work (ABSW), also the Garvites. She also participated and hosted the Marcus Garvey Parade and functions, also she participated in the African Day Parade in Harlem. Bertha Victoria indeed was a job well done and life well spent. She studied spiritually under Chief Alagba EgunFemi of Egbe in New York City. Iya Esorun of Egbe Egungun Oyotunji African Village.

In the 1960's, Bertha Victoria married Harry Evans and from this union a daughter was born, Twana Victoria, whom she loved dearly. She left a wealth of knowledge and wisdom that she shared with family, friends and co-workers.

Bertha Victoria Bishop-Evans is survived by: her loving daughter, Twana Evans; two grandsons, Jahi-ako and Johari Evans; sisters, Evelyn Horton, Elaine Wilkes and Sharon Jones (Alan); sisters-in-law, Joanne Evans, Pamela Wilkes and Jackie Wilkes; brother-in-law, Joe Evans (Paulette); great granddaughter, Miracle Evans and Autum Rae Evans; nieces, Tonya Horton (Sylvester), Shawanda Jones and Kendra Wilkes; nephews, Troy McClair, Ishmael Collins and Tyquan Evans; and a host of family, friends and co-workers.

Order of Service

Processional

Libation and Drumming.....Alagba Babafunde
Egbe Egungun Oyotunji African Village

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121:1, 2

New Testament - John 14:1-4

Prayer

Selection: “Don’t Cry For Me” (Whitney Houston).....Imani

Tributes.....Twana Evans
Jahi-ako Evans
Johari Evans

Remarks..... (Limited to Two Minutes)

Obituary.....Nubia Imani Beazer

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:
Oak Grove Cemetery
Lawrenceville, Virginia

The Chain Will Link Again

Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

***The Family of Bertha V. Bishop-Evans
sincerely appreciate your love, prayers and
support during my mother's transition.
With Love, The Family.***

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