

A portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a light-colored blouse and a gold necklace. A large, vibrant pink rose is positioned behind her, partially obscuring her right side. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

*Celebrating
the Life
of*

Connie Harper

Sunrise
June 21, 1935

Sunset
April 12, 2021

Friday, April 23, 2021 - 10AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Prophet John Edwards, Jr., Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Soloist

Obituary

Connie Harper was born on June 21, 1935 in Chesterfield, South Carolina, to the late Haywood and Nellie Williams. She was the eldest of 15 children; and enjoyed the early years of her life in the South, before she relocated to New York as a young adult. Connie worked at the Cascade Linen Factory for many years, until she decided to pursue other job opportunities.

In 1980, Connie married the love of her life, Donald Harper, and together they settled in at the Reverend Brown Houses. Known as the “Captain” in her building; Connie dedicated a great deal of her time volunteering at the Mount Ararat Senior Center. She used her culinary skills to prepare delicious southern style meals for her peers, and catered many birthday parties, and wedding receptions.

Throughout her life, Connie was a hard worker, but she still found time to have some fun as well. Connie enjoyed chartering buses to Atlantic City, and playing her favorite game, Bingo, on Wednesdays at the community center with her friends. Connie had a special love for her family and community. She was a cheerful giver that was always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need. Even when her health began to fail her, Connie still continued to assist others. Everyone loved Connie because of her kind heart and gentle spirit.

On April 12, 2021, the Lord sent his Angels to bring Connie home. She was reunited with her husband, Donald Harper; her mother, Nellie Edwards; her father, Haywood Williams; and her son, Joe Louis Quick.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her three sisters, Joeann Samuels, Sarah Edwards, and Karen Collier (of Brooklyn, NY); two brothers, John Edwards, Sr. (of NY) and Kevin Edwards (of SC); one sister-in-law, Rosemary Milton-Edwards (of NY); two special nieces, Gladys Edwards-Haynes and Earlene Edwards; her loving nephew, Ronald McBride; aunt, Mary Edwards of Cheraw, SC; and a host of family and friends that loved her dearly.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Organist

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Prophet John Edwards, Jr.

Opening Hymn.....“Nearer My God to Thee” (Sam Cooke Version)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Earlene Edwards

New Testament - John 14:1-4.....Kamesha Haynes

Selection.....“I Won’t Complain”

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Remarks.....(Please be brief)

Obituary Reading.....Cornelia Samuels

Selection.....“Heaven Waits for Me”

Eulogy.....Prophet John Edwards, Jr.

Parting View..... Led by Funeral Director

Benediction

Recessional *(Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.)*

INTERMENT

Forest Green Park Cemetery
535 Texas Rd, Morganville, NJ 07751

REPAST INVITATION:

At 2:30PM, following the burial at Forest Green Park Cemetery, the family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at 333 Thomas Boyland Street.

To Our Dear Sweet Connie,

To lose someone we loved so much brings pain beyond belief
There are no songs or words of comfort that could ease our sorrow and grief
In life we loved you dearly; in death we love you still
We will miss you our dear, sweet Connie,
Your absence feels surreal.
God laid out a place for you in Heaven, and carried you off to your new home
So sleep peacefully our dear, sweet Connie, in your new everlasting abode.
You'll hold a special place in our hearts for all of eternity
That no one could never, ever unfold.

Love Always,
Your Family

PALLBEARERS:

John Edwards, Sr.
John Edwards, Jr.
Kevin Edwards
Keif Haynes
Cherean Haynes
Earl Samuels, Jr.

Acknowledgement

The Edwards family wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their kindness, support, prayers, phone calls, visits, thoughtfulness, cards, presence, and concern during this time of sorrow and grief. May God bless each and every one of you.

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