

*In Loving Memory of*



*Mildred Evans*

Sunrise  
May 1, 1939

Sunset  
July 22, 2021

Memorial Service:  
Friday, August 13, 2021 - 1:00 pm

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Dr. Barbara Evans, Officiating  
Ernest Billups, Organist

# Obituary

**Mildred Evans** was born Mildred Jones, to her parents Sam Jones and Sallie Palmer on May 1, 1939 in Harlem, New York City, and passed away on July 22, 2021 after a second battle with cancer.

She was born a twin with her brother Milton, and she had one other younger brother, Sam “Punch” Jones. She is pre-deceased by all of her immediate family. She was also pre-deceased by her husband of 30yrs Ralph Evans. She had a beautiful grandmother, affectionately known as Grandma Mamie, and 8 Aunts and Uncles, her mother Sallie was the oldest of those children.

Mildred attended primary school throughout the Harlem area, graduating from Joan of Arc High School in 1956. She married Ralph Evans on January 5, 1958. Out of the marriage of Ralph and Mildred came five children, Janice, Ralph aka “Kayo”, Anthony, Jacqueline, and Kathryn. Ralph and Mildred raised their 5 children primarily in the Bronx – in Edenwald Projects for about 17 years, before finally buying their home on 224th street, right off the #2 subway line, in the Bronx in the dead of winter in January 1977.

After her husband passed in 1987, she enrolled in a program called NEW – Non-traditional Employment for Women- a program offered by the City to train women in traditionally male dominated vocational jobs such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical and HVAC work. She chose the trade of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning or HVAC technician, and after completing the program she quickly got a job with Con Edison. She worked for Con Ed for a couple of years, and then she took a job with Parkchester North Condominium’s Maintenance department, becoming the very first female to hold that position with Parkchester. She was known to work as hard or harder than her mostly male counterparts; she was a respected colleague and leader, a union activist who was liked and respected by all her coworkers. She held this job with Parkchester through her retirement at the age of 65.

While she worked for Con Ed Mildred had the good fortune to meet another wonderful man, a man named Arthur Evans, no relation to her husband Ralph and his family of Evans’s. With this second relationship, she was given a second chance at love and happiness, and she and Arthur Evans shared a deep, loving and affectionate romance for 17 or 18 adventurous years. She truly enjoyed this time in her life spent with Arthur and mourned his loss to complications from diabetes in 2006.

During her retirement, Mildred spent a lot of time traveling, crafting, crocheting, shopping and spending time with her friends and family. Nothing was more important to her than her family, and she was the most loving, caring and doting grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her first born grandchild was Sequoya followed by Nasstaja, Alexandra, Brandon and Jordan and 3 great grandsons, Justin, Elijah and Jeremiah.

Mildred lived her life with kindness, honesty, compassion, generosity and strength. She was and will continue to be an inspiration to all of us, to live life to the fullest. We will miss her laughter and smile, her wise advice, her beautiful spirit and her famous sweet potato pie.

She is survived by her 5 children, her 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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**Organ Prelude**

**Processional**

**Invocation Prayer**

**Selection**

“Amazing Grace”

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Prayer Of Comfort**

**Selection**

**Family Tribute/Obituary**

Video Tribute

**Remarks**

Two minutes please

**Selection**

**Closing Tribute**

**Remarks By Funeral Director**

**Recessional**

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've found now peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.

## *Acknowledgments*

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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