

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top and a white lace necklace with a pink circular pendant. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies with pink centers.

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

*Eleanor Teresa
Rodriguez-Goodridge*

March 5, 1946 - August 1, 2021

Thursday, August 19, 2021 - 10AM

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The Life of Eleanor Teresa Rodriguez-Goodridge

Eleanor Teresa Rodriguez-Goodridge was born on March 5, 1946, in New York, New York. She was the second child and the only girl of three children born to Providencia Fernandez and Arsenio Rodriguez. She attended and graduated from Seward Park High School, and continued on to higher education, majoring in Business Management at Bronx Community College. Eleanor earned several certifications, one from the American Collection Association and another from the New York State Department of Labor.

Eleanor became a mother herself. She gave birth to her only child on December 10, 1965. She had a daughter who she named Ronda Butler. Ronda was the joy and pride of her life. However, Ronda's life was cut short when she passed away on July 25, 1997, leaving four children for Eleanor to raise. There was one boy, Estea, and three girls, Laurielle, Shontelle, and Brittany.

Eleanor worked for various companies over the years. Eleanor retired in 2002 after many, many years in the workforce. Retirement gave her the time to be a full-time grandmother, and she shared her love with her grandchildren generously. That love extended to the rest of her family and friends.

Eleanor found love and companionship when she met and married Alphonso Goodridge. After the death of her loving husband in October of 2008, Eleanor redirected her energy and focus. By then, she knew what her purpose in life was, "To be of Service". She loved her Harlem community, and she believed in extending a helping hand to those in need.

An indispensable member of the West 135th Street Tenant Association, Eleanor will be greatly missed. She believed in the community. Her creativity and dedication helped the Association in many successes within the organization. She also enjoyed traveling, crocheting, playing dominoes, planning events, and time with her great-grandchildren.

Eleanor made her transition on August 1, 2021. She leaves behind: her beloved grandchildren, Estea, Laurielle, Shontelle, and Brittany; great-grandchildren, Jiovonni, Promise, Stephon, and Kamali; sister-in-law, Mary Habersham; nieces, Tanya and LaTisha Habersham; her cousin, Arthur Jack, Jr., his wife, Karen and children, AJ and Jasmine; and a host of friends and family.

A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a black strapless dress and a pearl necklace, stands in a shallow pool of water. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a stone wall. The water is clear, and the overall scene is bright and celebratory.

Order of Celebration

Opening Remarks
Brittany Arthurton

Song by Kevyn Stuart
“It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye”

First Reading

Responsorial

Second Reading

Celebration of Eleanor Rodriguez (Obituary)
Estea Jenkins

Song by Kevyn Stuart
“Stand By Me”

Spoken Word
“I’ve Learned” by Maya Angelou
Brittany Arthurton

Slideshow To Close Celebration

Interment:
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



Spoken Word: "I've learned"

by Maya Angelou

"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Acknowledgement

***The family of Eleanor Rodriguez would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief.
Thank you for your love and support.***

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