

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
That 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, that
day

God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
You are always at 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.

In Loving Memory Of



Dorothy Reid

Sunrise - July 15, 1929
Sunset - October 14, 2021

Viewing / Service

October 30th 2021
2352 Eighth Avenue
126th Street New York, NY 10027
Viewing 9:00 am
Service 10:00 pm

The family would like to thank
everyone for their prayers,
phone calls, messages and love.



Obituary

Ms. Dorothy Rebecca Reid was born on July 15, 1929 and transitioned this world on October 14, 2021 in Harlem Hospital. She was born in Asbury Park, New Jersey to her parents, Mr. Albert Mack Williams and Ms. Louise Williams who preceded her in death. She made a life in New York for herself and her family after attending the New York City School System and graduating from Julia Richmond High School.

Mommy was a true angel on earth. She was our Queen and was treated as such. She had nothing to worry about because we protected her as the Matriarch of our family. Not that she needed help because she could certainly take care of herself. Her kindness was not taken for weakness. She demanded respect by the way she carried herself. After all she was a force to be reckoned with.

We used to pile up in her room to watch television just to be near her and it continued until she transitioned. To see her smile and hear her laugh was heaven. Mommy had great fashion sense, always coordinating her outfits with shoes or sneakers. Always very youthful. Family was everything to her, at times she invited family members to stay with us if they needed. We had an open-door policy.

Mommy was affectionately known by everyone as “Ma Reid”. She would do anything in her power to help anyone. She loved to cook and every Sunday she prepared a feast. She would never accept seeing anyone hungry. Mommy would be sure to send hot plates to neighbors and invite them to our house to eat. She loved our neighbors and extended family on the block and in our building. The Reid’s were one of the biggest families in Harlem. On May 12, 1985, she was awarded “Mother of the Year” by the 140th Street Block Association. An award she earned and the title she continues to hold as far as we are concerned.

Mommy loved music and loved to dance. Growing up we would always hear Sam Cooke’s “Another Saturday Night” and anything from Al Green playing loudly Friday or Saturday. She also loved “Dancing on the Ceiling,” by Lionel Richie. Every time this song came on, she would smile, get up and dance after announcing that was her song. Mommy also loved to watch boxing and played cards with us.

What can you say about a life well lived? We were blessed to have Mommy for 92 years. In those years, she built a legacy that we are proud of and will continue to keep alive. Mommy touched hundreds of lives. Who could ask for anything more than that? Mommy’s work here is done and it was a job well done. You’ve earned your wings! We each had a special relationship with Mommy. We always told her how much we loved her and we felt the love right back.

Mommy was preceded in death by her beloved first husband, Mr. John Reid and her beloved second husband, Mr. Albert Brown. She raised 15 children: John (deceased), Mack (deceased), Linda (deceased), Barbara, Twins Terry and (Jerry deceased), Bubba (deceased) Kim, Kevin, Michael, Robin, Charles, Albert Jr., Mia, Alfie and Keisha (raised as her own). Ms. Reid left to mourn her daughters-in-law, Willa/Kevin, Stacey/Michael, Kasadia/Robin, Theresa/Charles and (Dorie(deceased)/Terry), and sons-in law, Ronald/Kim and Morgan/Mia.

Mommy had 57 grandchildren, (Omalik, LaRon and Ebony deceased), 33 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and 2 on the way. Mommy was preceded in death by her 2 brothers, Mr. Albert Williams and Mr. Donald Niang. She also leaves to mourn sisters-in law, Ms. Margret Niang and Ms. Virginia Brown. She was preceded by death by Ms. Lucille Williams. Ms. Reid was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Ms. Katherine Williams and Ms. Tryd Williams; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and her extended 138th and 140th Street family whom she loved so much.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection
Betty Lewis (Niece)

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection
Donald Henry (Nephew)

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Selection
Michael Reid (Son)

Obituary
Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Jr.

Selection
Sabrina Bethea (Family Friend)

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Jr.

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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