



Dear Eddie,

*I still remember
The sound of your last breath
I can still hear words that
You said just before your death
I can still feel your hands
Entangled warmly in mine
I can still envision your smile
Faint but still so fine
Although I do remember
The last promise I made to you
Stopping my flow of tears
Is something I haven't been able
To do.*

~Love, Your Children

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

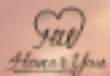
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Homegoing Service for Evelyn Govan Shorter

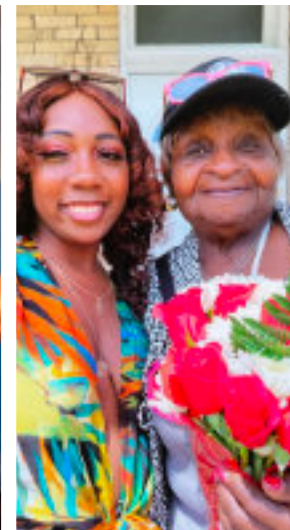
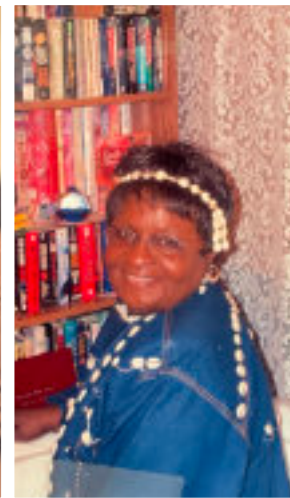
March 12, 1940 - October 25, 2021



*She Wished No One
A Last Farewell*

*She wished no one a last farewell,
nor even said goodbye.
She was gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
They say time heals all sorrow,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far only proves
How much we miss her yet,
God gives us strength to face it,
And courage to bear the blow.
But what it meant to
"love" and lose her
No one will ever know.*

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Homegoing Service
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Wake 10:00 a.m. - Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church

644 Chancellor Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
Pastor Reginald Pitts
Rev. Joseph Sweat, Officiating

Processional

Musical Presentation

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of Obituary

Solo by Evelyn

Remarks & Acknowledgements

Musical Presentation

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

*Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey*

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Evelyn Govan Shorter entered into eternal rest on October 25, 2021. Evelyn was affectionately known as “Eddie” “Ma” Grandma or Mrs. Shorter.

Evelyn was born on March 12, 1940, in Newark, NJ. She was one of seven sisters, Barbara, Carolyn, Irma, Claudia, Ava and Charyle Mae. Evelyn was born to the late Ethel Govan Allen and Harliss Govan.

Evelyn was educated in the Newark Public School system at South Side High School where she enjoyed singing in the school choir. During her teenage years, she met and later married the love of her life and eternal soul mate the late Lawrence Shorter affectionately known as Jack or Papa. From this union they raised four children Ava, Robin, Lawrence Jr., and Lawrence III. They also raised Sherry, Tiffahaney, and Shanae.

During her early years Evelyn worked at Sears Department store and later began her life time career with the Newark Board of Education where she diligently served for 43 years.

Due to her prominent presence within the school system, Eddie became a pillar of her community where she affected and touched many generations in the south ward.

Mrs. Shorter was well known for her signature handkerchiefs, her stylish fashionable attire, where her shoes had to match her stockings. She was especially known for her endearing terms such as Honey Bunch “Baby Doll” and “Baby Love.”

Eddie's favorite saying was “Live-Love Laugh” which became the values in which she lived her life. Eddie and Papa enjoyed hosting family and friends at their lifetime home at 343 Leslie Street.

Evelyn's greatest loves in her life were her family, friends, singing, her church community and the Leslie Street Block Association. Eddie had a passion for decorating her home for every season and holiday. One of Eddie's greatest characteristics was that she could keep a secret.

Those left to cherish Evelyn's memories are, Ava, Robin, Lawrence Jr., Lawrence III, Sherry, Tiffahaney, Shanae, Joseph Chad and Jada. Her grandchildren Evelin and Deon; her sisters Barbara, Irma and Charyle Mae, her brother-in-law, Khalif, her Godsons Lamont and Ean and her lifelong friends Lillian White and Emma Herron, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and her St. Luke and Solid Rock family.

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