

Celebrating the Life
of

A portrait of Marie Jane Reid, an elderly woman with a joyful expression. She is wearing a wide-brimmed white straw hat, a white lace-trimmed blouse, a pearl necklace, and a white bracelet. Her hand is near her face. The background is a soft-focus, light-colored setting with a large pink rose in the foreground.

Marie Jane Reid
"Mama Reid"

Sunrise
October 9, 1934

Sunset
December 24, 2021

Friday, January 14, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

Soundview Presbyterian Church
760 Soundview Avenue
Bronx, New York

Obituary

Marie Reid was born in Edesto Island, South Carolina, on October 9, 1934 to the late Josephine and Jeramiah Chaplin. She departed her long-fulfilled life of service on December 24, 2021. She was the youngest of her and her brother, Benjamin.

Marie also known as “Chappie” graduated from Burke High School in Charleston, SC in 1952. She became a part of the Burke Alumni in which she and her classmates decided who would receive the scholarships to attend colleges of their choice.

She moved to New York and resided in the Bronx where she met her soulmate; James W. Reid. A match made in heaven. They married in June of 1956 and from this union they had six children, Karen, Christopher, Sonya, Darryl, Darlene and Torry.

She pursued her education in Nursing where she successfully completed her license at Bellevue School for Nursing in the late 60's. Upon graduation, she worked at Prospect Hospital as a Pediatric Nurse. She retired after 20 years of service. She also worked as the Night Center Director at James Monroe Community Center for over 10 years. She exposed the youth to different activities by taking them on trips such as the Apollo theater, movies and bowling.

Upon retirement, she began her community work. She became a member of Soundview Presbyterian Church in the late 50's. Where she would go on to serve for 40 plus years. Mama Reid was one of the best fundraisers for the church. The love and wisdom she shared to both the community and church is how the name “Mama Reid” was born. She served on multiple committees and groups in the church, such as Christian Education committee, Soundview Presbyterian Women Gills committee, the Scholarship committee and the choir. She fed the homeless in the Hunts Point Market area is where she taught us to look out for others; she was selfless. She was a part of multiple facets within the community. She helped to organize block parties, Halloween Safety parties and much more. She would interact with the children of the community as if they were her own.

She often promoted love and respect for yourself and others. In return, she received the same love and respect from children, adults, community stores, homeless and local dealers. On Sunday mornings in route to church she received and abundance of love from others. She never discriminated on whom she shared her love with.

She had a way with words and kept you smiling with her sly caring remarks of “I ain't Telling”, “Everybody don't need to know your business”, “Let me whisper something in your ear” and her favorite “GOD loves you and so do I”

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her brother; Benjamin Chaplin and wife Carrie Chaplin. Her niece and nephew Deborah and Paul. Her children: Karen, Christopher, Sonya, Darryl, Darlene and Torry. Grandchildren: Geary Reid (PJ), Robert Reid (Jay), Jenee Mimms, Dontel Henry, Ravee Reid, Niyah Reid, Darryl Reid Jr., Great grandchildren: Khalil Reid, Jaquan Reid, Destiny Reid and a host of Family and Friends.

The family would like to thank you for your prayers and love during this time.

Order of Service

- Officiating Dr. Cleotha Robertson
- Processional Zion-Lauryn Hill
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament 2 Timothy 4:7-8
New Testament Psalm 23
- Song Selection Paul Chaplin
Blessed Assurance
- Spoken Word Niyah Reid
Grand Daughter
- Prayer of Comfort Kadeem Marulaz
- Song Selection Paul Chaplin
San Uptempo Gospel
- Obituary Reading Destiny Reid & Robert Reid
Great Grand Daughter & Grandson
- Eulogy
- Committal & Benediction Reverend Cleotha Robertson
- Remarks by Funeral Director ... Heaven's Touch Funeral Services Inc.

Interment
Mount Holiness Memorial Park
Butler, New Jersey

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Marie Jane Reid** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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