

Celebrating the Life of



Rosa Williams

SUNRISE: October 18, 1927

SUNSET: June 14, 2022

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 - 10am

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Obituary

Rose Williams was born Rosa Lee Corker in Munneryn, Georgia, on October 18, 1927. Rose was born to sharecroppers, Eloise and Ernest Corker in a family of three brothers and three sisters. In a family of nine, there was never enough of anything, especially opportunity.

In her early 20's, Rose left her small farm town in Georgia seeking a better life. She landed in West Palm Beach, Florida. Florida did not offer the opportunities that she sought. She was a small-town girl with big dreams. What was bigger than New York City...NOTHING! Rose migrated to New York where she flourished.

Rose was passionate about the plight of the inner-city youth. She secured an administrative position with the Dave Winfield Foundation and became an integral part of his Youth at Risk program. Rose rubbed elbows with the likes of Reggie Jackson, Goose Gossage and Willie Randolph to name a few. "Mama Rose", as she was affectionately called, knew the team intimately. Upon the departure of Dave Winfield from the New York Yankees, the New York chapter of his Foundation closed.

From there, she went on to work behind the scenes for Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Rose even dabbled in the music world for a bit, working within the hip hop arena administratively, for Heavy D.

Rose started her own foundation, The National Youth Achievement Network Foundation, it was her pride and joy. She worked with youth in the Bronx, all the while amassing certificates and awards of recognition from various sources, Humanitarian Award, Outreach Award, Leadership Award, City Council Citation to name a few. Her crowning glory was a Proclamation from then Bronx Borough President, Fernando Ferrer.

At the young age of 72, Rose settled down to retire. Even though she was retired, she continued to do what she could for youth at risk in underserved neighborhoods. She never stopped serving.

Rose is survived by: one sister, Tommye Lee Marsh; four daughters, Debra Khaliq, Carlene Purpura, Faye Williams, and Scheron Williams; five grandchildren, eight great grands, and a bevy of loving nieces and nephews. Rose Williams lived her life on her own terms, in her own way and was unapologetic.

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

Order of Service

Processional

Reading

Korea McKie

Song

Dante Hawkins

Reflections

Stacy Dutton

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Rev. Michael A. Walrond II
First Corinthian Baptist Church

Reading

Kim Manning

Song

Dante Hawkins

Eulogy

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Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT

Forest Green Park Cemetery
535 Texas Road, Morganville, NJ 07751

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid 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 found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation
be made in Rosa's name to:
Breakfast Before Books
Fcbcnyc.org*

Acknowledgement

*The family would like to thank all of their extended family,
friends and co-workers for their kind words, generosity and
thoughtfulness. Please take a moment to sign the Guest Book.*

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