

*Celebrating the Life of*



# *Everlene Powell*

**SUNRISE: February 8, 1925**

**SUNSET: April 4, 2025**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**Viewing: 10am - 11am**

**Service: 11am**

**Williams Institutional CME Church**

**2239 Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd • New York, NY 10027**

# Obituary

**Everlene Sanders-Powell** was born on February 8, 1925, in Cameron, South Carolina to the late Luther and Victoria Sanders.

She was educated in Calhoun, South Carolina.

Everlene came to New York in 1946. In 1954, she married the love of her life the late Ralph Powell. To this union Evon Powell was born.

Mamacita, as she was affectionately called, lived in her Harlem neighborhood for more than 70 years. She worked at a shoe factory making men's shoes, for over three decades.

Mamacita was a pioneer who dedicated her life to the families in the village of Harlem. When she retired, her passion was keeping the streets of Harlem clean. From 136 Street to 140 Street on Lenox Avenue, that's where you could find her sweeping the sidewalks. Everyone in the community loved her. From the business owners to the sanitation employees, which she would fuss with for not picking up the garbage on time. She made sure that the business owners didn't receive a ticket. Mamacita was featured in the Amsterdam News and received many awards for her service in the community.

She retired from "the alley" as she called it, at the age of 92. From there she moved in with her daughter Evon. She enjoyed watching her granddaughter's business grow. When she would get an order for a cake she would ask, "You make me something too?" She loved her sweets. Anyone that would visit her brought her chocolates. She also enjoyed dancing and singing with her daughter. Then she would say, "Ok that's enough, time to sit down". She gave all her daughter's friends a nickname, like pamper girl, dancing girl and friendly boy.

She was known to give you some wisdom with a good number you should play. Mamacita would talk to anyone about her daughter and her granddaughter, she was very proud. She would often tell them, "They don't make them like that anymore".

Everlene was predeceased by nine sisters and two brothers. She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Evon Powell; her granddaughter, Shavone Wilson; her grand-dog, Dollar Billz; her 35 nieces, 15 nephews; and a host of family and friends that she adored.

# Order of Service

**Officiant: Dr. Marquise Hardrick, Senior Pastor**

## **Processional**

### **Selection**

“Never Would Have Made It”

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 3:16

*Judynell Johnson Groce*

## **Prayer**

### **Selection**

“Going Up Yonder”

## **Acknowledgements**

## **Remarks**

### **Letter to My Grandmother**

Shavone Wilson, granddaughter

### **Obituary**

Angela Rooks

### **Selection**

“I’ll Fly Away”

### **Eulogy**

## **Committal**

### **Viewing**

## **Recessional**

### **REPAST:**

Williams Institutional CME Church,  
2239 Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd, 2nd Floor

### **INTERMENT:**

Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hastings-On-Hudson, New York



## *Rest Safely In His Care*

There are many things in life  
That we do not understand  
But we must trust God's judgment  
And be guided by His hand,  
And all who have God's blessing  
Can rest safely in His care,  
For he promises safe passage  
On the wings of faith and prayer.  
-Author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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