



In Loving Memory of

Esther Louise Ivory

Sunrise
April 20, 1935

Sunset
February 12, 2011

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Rev. Herbert Reaves, Officiating

Obituary

Esther Louise Ivory daughter of the late Dorothy Becton and Clemmie Williams was born April 20, 1935 in North Harlowe, North Carolina.

She attended school in North Harlowe until age eleven when she moved to New York, where she was raised by her mother, Dorothy King and her loving stepdad, Mason King. She completed her education, met and married Roosevelt Ivory in 1953. Their union produced two children, Michael and Deborah Ivory.

Esther was a fiercely dedicated mother. In the mid 60's she met the love of her life, Roy Montgomery. Esther was a nurturer and worked several care-giver jobs before taking a position as a Mental Hygiene Therapist at Manhattan State Hospital. She worked there for twenty-five years before retiring due to illness (her illness just slowed her down) she still cooked extravagant and delicious meals. She took great joy in cooking and loved to see people enjoying her food; family, friends, patients, strangers, she'd feed any and everybody. She loved to have parties and cookouts and always did it in a very big way. She was a natural born nurturer and a loving soul, if she loved you, you were truly loved. Although slowed down by illness she was never one to complain, she'd simply say "I thank God for another day". She loved her music, from Marvin Gaye to Shirley Ceasar, her cooking shows, and Murder Mysteries.

She adored her family. She leaves to mourn: her husband, Willie Roy Montgomery; her children, Michael and Deborah Ivory and honorary son, James Boykin; grandchildren, Michael (Shirley) Chyrise, Christopher, Chantel and Chaz; five great grandchildren, Michael, Elisha, Justin, Brandon and Harmoni; aunt and uncle, Georgia and Benny Shaw; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection “Precious Lord”

Scripture

Prayer

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy

Selection “Soon And Very Soon”

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey



To My Beloved Mother

*Mother you were such a good one,
you raised me oh, so well
You lived your life and grew in grace,
No one else can take your place
No more pain and suffering will you endure
I loved you so much, but God loved you more.
He chose you to come through those pearly gates,
Oh you are so much better in that perfect place.
You were much more than a mother, you were my backbone,
best friend, mentor and leader I will always love you,
and your memories will live with me for the rest of my life.
I could not be so selfish to have you all for myself.
He wanted to enjoy all of those magnificent memories that
I have of you. You have emerged from this earthly shell,
Now with Dorothy And Mason you will dwell.*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Esther Ivory** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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