In Loving Memory of Emma G. Robinson Sunrise January 24, 1935 Sunset January 31, 2012 Service Monday, February 6, 2012 - 11:00 a.m./ **ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.** 191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412 Rev. N. Jo-Ann Locket, Officiating Michael Williams, Organist

Reflections of Life

Emma Gracie Robinson

We praise her, for in her lifetime she personified the word Humanity, through such qualities as: loyalty, compassion, selflessness, love, integrity, spirituality, self-sacrifice, and commitment. And no matter what her role was, as wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, or neighbor, she had this tremendous ability to show her love with genuine sincerity. Born: Emma Gracie Harper, Thursday, January 24, 1935 to Laura Mae Anderson and Millard Harper, she grew up in the deep south; Macon County Alabama, in the small towns of Notasulga (13.9 sq. miles) and Tuskegee (15.7 sq. miles), and although segregation and racism were a part of the fabric of the deep south, she was in many ways fortunate enough to grow up in towns were the likes of Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, the Tuskegee Airmen, and later Rosa Parks would infuse her with the spirit of self-determination, the desire for education, and the spirituality needed to survive life's most difficult times. And throughout her life she would have some difficult times, which she persevered without bitterness or resentment. In 1951 she moved to New York City, where she lived with family members until her Mother, Father, and younger Brother George arrived. Upon their arrival, they found an apartment together in Harlem, New York; she and her parents found employment - Emma as lab technician; and each would find ways to adjust to the New York City life style. It was here in New York City that she became re-acquainted with a young man who had also relocated from Notasulga, Alabama: someone she knew of as a child in the South. At first there were chance meetings, then dates, and eventually in 1953 Emma Gracie Harper married John William Robinson, Jr. Their marriage resulted in eight children: Anita Jadale, Kevin, John William, Jr. III, Manika, Anna Frances, Paul Jeffrey, Darrin, Daphne Victoria, 17 grand-children, and 8 great grand-children. More than that, like a true matriarch she touched the lives of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and others too numerous to mention. Mommy's Legacy: There are those who preach the word but, then there are those who live the gospel. Our Mother lived the gospel. Without the construction of steeples, stained glass windows, or pews...she always said the God is wherever you are. And she lived each day by the virtues of:

Loyalty - 51 years of marriage and lifetime of dedication to her children;

Selflessness - She always gave to those less fortunate, even if it was her last; **Compassion** - She was always willing to forgive even those who trespass; **Self-sacrifice** - She was always willing to give even when it met she would go without;

Loving - She created an environment for her children to grow/reach their potential;

Good PARENTING - She always understood that children are not created equal and each must be made to feel the s/he is special in her/his own way without making the others feel neglected or slighted.

Emma Gracie Robinson - MaDear, she taught us to find humor in life, joy with our family, and keep laughter in our hearts. She taught us to hold family and friends as the dearest and most important things in life. *This Chapter Closes as another begins:One, Three, One, One, Two (1/31/12) I started on this road without you.One, Three, One, One, Two (1/31/12) everything I am I owe to you. I was taught by my Father but, I was raised by my Mother.*

Order of Service

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Interment

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

God Has Gained An Angel

A heart of gold stopped beating Two shining eyes at rest God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best

God knows you had to leave us But you did not go alone For a part of us went with you The day he took you home

To some you are forgotten To others just part of the past But to those who loved and lost you The memory will always last

She is not here; she does not sleep--She is with GOD so please dont weep. She knows how much you hurt inside, But GOD held her hand; hes by her side.

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