

Obituary

Drew Willie Evans was born July 20, 1939 in Wilkes County Washington, Georgia. She was called home on April 21, 2012. With her children and grandchildren at her side.

Drew is preceded in death by her parents, Marian Evans and Fanie Graves, son, Henry McKelvey, two daughters, Diane and Deana McKelvey, three sisters, Elizabeth, Revona and Camilla, three grandchildren, Corey McKelvey, Joseph Price and Jason Price, one son-in-law, Louis Bennett.

After completing her education at Wilkes County Public Schools in Georgia, she relocated to New York City where she lived with her sister, Ollie Middleton. She then met and married Thomas McKelvey and within that union they had eleven children and were married for forty-three years.

Drew was employed as a seamstress for many years in New York City. She was a caregiver to many. Drew was a loving, thoughtful and caring person and trustworthy friend who never uttered a harsh word to anyone even though you may have needed it at times.

Drew accepted Christ into her life. She was baptized and joined Rivers Tabernacle Prayer House, under the leadership of Bishop Rev. Rivers. Where she became a devoted and active member up until the time of her failing health. She was president of the Usher Board, played the drums and was the cook for the church.

Drew is survived by: her husband, Thomas McKelvey; two brothers, Willie Ed Evans of New York and Junior Evans of Georgia; sister, Ollie Middleton of New York; two sons, Thomas McKelvey and Corey McKelvey of New York; six daughters, Shenna Harleston of South Carolina, Cynthia St. Rose, Yvonne Price, Twyona Bennett, Valerie McKelvey and Lolita McKelvey of New York; four sons-inlaw, Joseph Price Jr., Trevor St. Rose of New York, Ricky Harleston of South Carolina and Keith Warney of New York; four sisters-in-law, Mary Evans, Lillian Vanish, Josephine Scott of New York and Kathleen McKelvey of South Carolina; eight granddaughters, Sivaun Price, Courtnee Price, Brittany Price, Lisa McKelvey, Latisha Ravizee, Chantel St. Rose, Shakira McKelvey-Smalls of New York and Lakaiesha Jackson of North Carolina; ten grandsons, Akmin McKelvey, Brian Price, Keith McKelvey of New York, Larry Brooks of Florida, David Cordero-McKelvey of New York, Lamount Cordero-McKelvey of Florida, Corey McKelvey-Tinsley of North Carolina, Thomas McKelvey Tinsley of North Carolina, Ricky Harleston and Arthur Harleston of South Carolina; four great grandchildren, Madison McKelvey, Mia McKelvey, Keith Rowson and Kaiden Vanlierop of New York and one ex-daughter-in-law, Demetra McKelvey-Bullock of North Carolina. A special thanks to her three nieces, Tony Gray, Cheryl Toussaint, Vanessa Middleton, uncle, Willie Ed, Jaccie Gibbs, Marshell Burgess (Thomas Fiancé) and Gary Devore for their love and support. Drew had a special place in her heart for Brandon Brown. She also leaves to mourn her nieces and nephews, a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Drew touched each and everyone in some special way. One thing everyone did know was Thanksgiving at moms. We will honor you and keep your legend strong.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	
Processional	
Opening Prayer	
Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 121:1-8 New Testament - St. John 14:1-6	
Poem	(Mother) Yvonne Price
Selections	
Condolences & Obituary	
Selection	Eddie & Joy of Wonders
Reflections (2 minute limit)	
Solo	Ms. Carr
Eulogy	Bishop James Rivers Jr.
Viewing	
Benediction	

Interment

Kensico Cemetery Valhalla, New York You were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love. You touched our hearts in so many ways, your smile so bright even on the bad days. You heard God's whisper calling you home, you didn't want to go and leave us alone. You loved us so much, you held on tight, till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight. He had called your name twice before, you knew you couldn't make him wait anymore. So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away, knowing that with our love we will be together again some day.

Your Children

Blowing Kisses to Heaven

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That's what I can do every time I want to say
Grandma...I Love You blowing Kisses to Heaven
I know that you love me I am so blessed and so thankful
That God gave this precious Grandma to Me everyone that met her
Claimed her as their own gentle, so caring, so giving, so kind
And we were privileged to have her with us for such a very long time
Now she is receiving blessings so deserved
And every time I think of her I'll blow kisses to Heaven
From my heart to her.

Ode To Granny

We may feel down and out but there is no reason to frown.
God took you for a reason he had to make his rounds,
We will miss you dearly we will miss you much,
We will miss your voice we will miss your touch.
Since you are in heaven you will greet us with the sun
and say farewell, with the moon.
This was unexpected he took you too soon.
You're an Angel now so you can look and protect us all.
From the highest of our high and the lowest of our fall.

Love your Grandson Biran Price

On April 21, 2012 God took my granny away. We stood by her side from sunset through thick and thin I know that you are in a better place now and you are watching over us. You are my guardian angel that is with me through my ups and downs. You will be missed. I love you granny and may your soul sleep in peace.

From your Granddaughter, Brittany Price

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for every act of kindness during the passing of their loved one. May God richly bless each and everyone of you.



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