

In Loving Memory of



Francine (Burke) Owens

January 2, 1957 - September 3, 2012

Service

Friday, September 7, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Francine (Burke) Owens was born on January 2, 1957 in Atlanta, Georgia. She migrated to New Jersey and continued her education. She graduated from South Side High School now known as Malcolm X Shabazz.

Francine started her career in law enforcement as a security guard in 1984. She advanced to the Essex County Sheriff's Department until her passing.

She was affectionately known as "Mrs. O" and "Frannie", and was loved by everyone. Beloved mother, daughter, sister, friend and entrepreneur. She was a sweet, loving, straight forward, funny woman. She was the type of woman who would give you the shirt off her back. She was considered as one of the boys by her co-workers at the Essex County Sheriff Department.

Francine was preceded in death by her mother, Eloise, son, Michael and grandmother, Josephine Griffith.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her father, Walter Guyton; her stepmother, Shirley Guyton; three children, Dachon (Carol), Shantia and Latrivia; beloved mother-in-law, Margaret Cannon; five brothers, Anthony, Howard (Debra), Steve, Jerome (Francine) and Timothy; sister, Debra; three grandchildren, Dachon Jr., Alexander and Myricol; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Poem *“My Grandmother’s Garden”* by *Dachon Jr.*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks and

Acknowledgements (2 minutes please)

Obituary *Annie Means*

Poem *“Auntie”* by *Raheem Means*

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

*Following the interment family and friends are invited
for a repast at 503 S. 13th Street, Newark, NJ.*

My Grandmother's Garden

*My Grandmother kept a garden, a garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things, that gave my life its start.*

*She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.*

*And when the winds and rains come she protected me enough;
But not too much, she knew I'd need to stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong;
Markers for my pathway to last my whole life long,*

*I am my Grandmother's garden I am her legacy,
And I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me!*

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their appreciation and
sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in
their time of sorrow.*

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