

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of Donna Pough, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark jacket and gold hoop earrings. The background is a soft, purple and blue gradient.

Donna Pough

Sunrise
January 28, 1949

Sunset
November 11, 2012

Service

Thursday, November 15, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

FAITH CHAPEL REFORMED CHURCH

618 Martin Luther King Way
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Darryl Redmond, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Donna Pough, 63, was born in Cope, SC. She resided in Paterson, New Jersey for forty-five years.

Affectionately called “Pee Wee” by her close family, she lost her parents when she was a preteen. As the oldest daughter, she took on the responsibility of being a mother figure to her younger siblings even though they were taken in and raised by their grandparents. The losses in her formative years struck a major cord in her identity and made her into the caring individual that many of her peers at the post office called “Mama Donna” and claimed as their second mother.

She graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Cope, SC. At the tender age of eighteen, she left South Carolina on her own and made a life for herself in Paterson, New Jersey. She attended Passaic County Community College. She worked a number of jobs in her life, from factory work to health care, but found a career she truly loved with the United States Postal Service. She worked there for twenty-eight years and many of her colleagues noted that she was the most loyal and dedicated person they knew. She rarely missed work and loved going in to her job each evening.

The only thing she loved more than working for the post office was being a loving, supportive and devoted mother to her five daughters. She raised her girls on her own and worked hard to ensure that their needs were always met and they had what they needed to survive and thrive in the world. She later lavished the same love and support on her beloved grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents Johnnie and Helen (Frazier) Reed; her grandparents, Eugene “Pike” and Era Frazier; and her husband, John Pough. She departed this life on Sunday November 11, 2012, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her daughters Gwendolyn, Jennifer, Cassandra, Michelle and Tasheenia; her siblings Johnnie Reed Jr., James Jennings, Helen Hilliard, Deloris Reed, Danny Reed and Diane Crawford; her grandchildren Ashlee Olivia Coleman, Zaria Mikele Coleman, Michael Isaiah Pough and Ella Monroe Pough; her sons-in-law Cedric Bolton, Mingo Coleman and Nick Kitili; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Remarks

Solo

Acknowledgements

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Selection

Eulogy Rev. Darryl Redmond

Recessional



Interment
Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Donna Pough** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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