

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Joyce Marie Edwards, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lace-trimmed top. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies with green leaves.

*Joyce Marie Edwards*

*Sunrise*  
January 24, 1953

*Sunset*  
October 26, 2013

Service

Friday, November 1, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Joyce Marie Edwards**, was born January 24, 1953, to the late Mr. Samuel Lee Edwards and Mrs. Mattie Mae Edwards in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She was raised in Harlem, New York City and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. Joyce worked all her life to provide for her two children, Kia and Damion Edwards whom she loved more than life.

Joyce had many gifts such as crocheting, sewing, and writing poems. Her most special gift was caring for children. This gift motivated her to go back to school, and successfully complete a degree from Touro College in Early Childhood Education.

Joyce dedication and love reached beyond family and friends, and was felt at her latest job at Smarter Toddler Pre-school. Joyce's loving spirit was loved by everyone who crossed her path. Though she left us unexpectedly, the time she spent in our lives will always be remembered. Through trials and tribulations, Joyce ability to triumph has taught us how to live and love life no matter the circumstances.

She leaves to cherish: mother, Mattie Mae Edwards; daughter, Kia J. Edwards; son, Damion Edwards; daughter-in-law, Rochelle Edwards; granddaughters, Erica Breedlove, Dayna Edwards and Wednesday Edwards; grandson, Damion Edwards, Jr.; sisters, Agnes Edwards and Dorothy Edwards-Deleon; brother-in-law, Richard Deleon; brothers, Leroy Edwards and Ralph Edwards; nieces, Jacqueline Edwards, Antoinette Edwards, Yvette Edwards and Adrianna Edwards; nephews, Ronald Edwards, Derrick Edwards, Ralph Jr. Edwards and Kevin Edwards; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; adopted like daughter, Danette Varona; and last but not least her best friend/sister of fifty-seven years, Annette Pugh.

“She may be gone but not forgot”. May you rest in peace!  
Submitted by the Edwards family.

*Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

*“Precious Lord”*

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Final Disposition**

Woodlawn Crematory  
Bronx, New York

**Repast**

*Alhambra Ballroom*  
*2116 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd*  
*New York, New York 10027 5th Fl.*

# *There's A Reason*

*For every pain that we must bear  
For every burden, every care  
There is a reason.*

*For every grief that bows the head  
For every tear drop that is shed  
There is a reason.*

*For every hurt, for every plight  
For every lonely, pain-racked night,  
There is a reason.*

*But if we trust God, as we should  
It will all turn out for our good  
He knows the reason.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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