

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Georgia Scott

Sunrise: June 8, 1931

Sunset: March 9, 2014

Obituary

Our beloved **Georgia Mae Scott** of Harlem, New York was called home to Glory on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the tender age of 82.

On June 8, 1931, George Ritch and Annie Pearl Gibson gave birth to Georgia Mae Ritch in Laurinburg, North Carolina. With her parents passing young, Georgia was raised by her aunt as part of the Swindell family.

At the tender age of sixteen she met and married her life partner for over 60 years, Mr. Eddie Scott also of Laurinburg, NC. Moving to Durham, NC together they bore two children, Eddie Jr. and Doris Scott. Like most African Americans born in the rural south, Eddie moved to New York looking for a better life for his new wife and family. Soon after his arrival in Harlem, Eddie sent for Georgia and the two children who settled into an apartment on 118th Street between Lenox and Fifth Avenues.

Georgia and Eddie Scott were the first family to move into the Drew Hamilton Houses on 141st Street in 1963 and fifty years later, they were recognized by the New York City Housing Authority for their contributions. They raised generations of both children and pets including their beloved cat "Spot" and dog "Scottie". Georgia and Eddie forced the dog and cat to play nice together all those years.

Both Georgia and Eddie worked in the dry cleaning industry. Eddie pressed clothes while Georgia, ever the pleasant one, greeted customers at the check in counter. Georgia worked at Quick As a Wink Cleaners in Parkchester and ultimately at Tiger Cleaners in the Soundview section of the Bronx where she worked for over thirty years. As she put it "The Cleaners was the Bar in that part of town and I was the Bartender". On January 15, 2009, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg recognized Georgia and her work at Tiger Cleaners by mentioning her in his state of the city address.

Georgia was the Matriarch of many families including the extended Scott, Swindell, and Pate families and loved serving that role. She loved her cousins, Evelyn, Jerry, Stella, Jessie B., Aubry, Marilyn, Archie, Alice, Cherry, Melvin Earl, and Keith Swindell. Her god children, Larry and Sandra McClean were her life. Additionally, she loved James Eddie and Octavia Swindell whom she visited and traveled with for years.

Georgia would say that as long as she had a home, we had a home. As long as she had food, we had food. She loved taking trips to Atlantic City to play slot machines. Georgia loved watching all of the daytime Television Court shows, Soap Operas, Jeopardy and the home shopping network – buying and sending gifts to everyone she could with what she had.

Georgia Mae Scott was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Scott and daughter, Doris Scott. She is survived by: her son, Eddie Scott, Jr.; her grandsons, Darryl Scott and Larry Scott Blackmon; granddaughters, Ms. Nicole Scott and Ms. Belinda Scott; great grandchildren, Ms. Danielle Daris Reid, Ms. Chiquita Marie Denny, Mr. Malik Tyler Moore, Mr. D'Angelo Daniels, Ms. Diasia Doris Scott, Ms. Destiny Scott, Ms. Darilynn Joy Scott and great great grandson, Mr. Damari Eddieray Royer; daughters-in-law, Irene Scott, Lashonda Denny and Deneane Brown. She is also survived by her aunt, Estelle Gibson and her best friend, Dorothy Jackson.

As per her wishes, Georgia will be cremated following the ceremony and her ashes spread to the forewinds of heaven with her husband, Eddie and daughter, Doris.

Service

Friday, March 14, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

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Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening PrayerRev. Henry A. Belin

SelectionLonnie Swindell

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Obituary ReadingEddie Scott, Jr.

Selection

Remarks

Words of Comfort

Benediction

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory

Bronx, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The Scott family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of love and outpouring of affection during this most difficult time.

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