

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, dark, curly hair and glasses. She is wearing a light-colored, double-breasted jacket over a dark top and a white scarf. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus indoor setting with a lamp and some furniture. The portrait is set within a circular frame that has a decorative, scalloped edge.

Emma Coaxum

Sunrise
January 15, 1934

Sunset
May 19, 2014

Service

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Mrs. Emma Oree Coaxum entered the world on the 15th of January 1934, in Charleston “the Port City,” South Carolina, as the fifth child of exquisite parents: Molly Wise Oree and William Oree. She was and will continue to always be the proud sibling of her Mary and Whilamenia and three brothers, James, William II and John. Emma’s soul and spirit took flight on their next destination of existence on Monday, May 19, 2014.

Emma’s public academic foundation commenced at Buist Elementary School and proceeded at Burke High School, both of Charleston, SC.

Emma migrated to New York, New York in 1958, to explore, grow and extend her horizons. Her explorations led to professional careers in Manhattan’s Garment Industry and as a Nurse Assistant at Metropolitan Hospital. New York City rang in additional riches when Emma and John “Mobile” Coaxum solidified their love in marriage.

Aunt Emma’s four offspring, Bernard, Kenneth, Reginald and Ronald “Peewee” will continue to represent her humor, ornery spirit and zest for life to all those that she shared and interacted with. The fruits of her loins further extend with her seven grandchildren, Leroy, Kenneth Jerome, Magic, Rhahiem, Latia, Jasmine and Imani and her five great grandchildren, Amel, Snaye and the rest.

“Emma Lou” and her blessing of love is manifested globally through her nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and neighbors, Lucille Brown (sister-in-law), adopted “sister”, Gloria, Regina (Geraldine), Vanessa and Hija (respective Home Attendants who we extend gracious appreciation for their professionalism in care), Atlantic City, the number holes and to those individuals only Aunt Emma knew.

Emma had a number of “lines” that bought smiles and laughter: My tit ta, The house that Jack Built, Ms. Pepper, Look at Doris laughing, What a kid, You better take care of me, If I can’t beat you, I know someone who can, etcetera.

Emma, you will not be missed. For only the ones that will miss you are the ones that never experienced, felt, knew, seen and/or been touched by your energy, friendship, love and wit!

Order of Service

Musician.....Minister Kirsten Holden

Procession.....“The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation”

Hymn.....“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

Selection.....Minister Kirsten Holden

Scripture Reading.....Deacon Ronald Bridge

Selection.....Minister Kirsten Holden

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Solo.....Sabrina Betha

Obituary.....Imani (Granddaughter)

Selection.....Minister Kirsten Holden

Eulogy.....Rev. Helen Wingate
Pastor of The Greater Faith Baptist Church • Bronx, NY

Viewing

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

-Helen Steiner Rice

Acknowledgement

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