

Dorothy A. Hayes

December 4, 1934 - March 23, 2015



Tuesday, March 31, 2015

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

754 E. Gun Hill Road • Bronx, New York 10467

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

On December 4th, 1934, Anna and Ruben Christian were blessed with the birth of an Angel, **Dorothy A. Christian**. Born in the Bronx, New York, she was the second eldest of nine children: Randolph (deceased), Godfrey (deceased), her only sister Joyce, David, Frank (deceased), Richard, Joseph (deceased) and Darryl (deceased).

"Dot" as she was later called, graduated from high school in the New York City School System. She met a gentleman by the name of Edward R. Hayes, whom she married in 1951. From this union, ten children were born: Kenneth, Allen (deceased), Gary, Dennis (deceased), Randy "Pinoke" (deceased), Jeffrey "Cabby", Anna and the twins, Troy (deceased) and Joylyn (deceased) and Steven.

In 1963, she moved to 3603 3rd Avenue, a place she made home for more than fifty years. In 1970 she was employed by the Board of Education as a School-aid at P.S. 2 Elementary School. Years later she transferred to CJHS 22, where she retired in 1996. Because of her dedication, determination and discipline while performing her duties, she became loved by the students and staff alike.

Due to her motherly personality, qualities and characteristics, people from the neighborhood (The Nine) referred to her as "Ma". Mrs. Hayes was a beautiful woman with a giant heart and a sense of humor to match. Her favorite saying "I'll get my belt" had meaning to it.

Dorothy Hayes loved life. She loved people and she loved to see family and friends getting along. This made her smile and warmed her heart. Although she had a multitude of friends, she had a special group of friends she belonged to, "The Golden Girls" consisting of Maxine, Olivia, Valerie (deceased) and Hattie (deceased).

Dorothy Hayes was a devout Catholic who believed in the Lord and His blessings. On March 23, 2015, she was called home. Nonetheless, she will live on through her family and friends.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Kenneth, Gary, Diane (daughter-in-law), Jeffrey "Cabby", Anna and Steven; her grandchildren, Terrell, Seidy (granddaughter-in-law), Shawn, Christopher, Keonna, Randy, Jamel, Gary Jr. and Crystal Joy; her ten great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A Mothers Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . . It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . . It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . . It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many splendored miracle man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the way,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Dorothy A. Hayes** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.



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