

Celebrating The Life of



Joyce W. Reeves

Sunrise
July 30, 1931

Sunset
May 29, 2015

Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Tyrone Stamps, Officiating

Obituary

Joyce was born on July 30, 1931 to Josephine Conover and Hollis Cox in Newark, New Jersey. She attended Newark public schools and graduated from East Side High School. After high school, Joyce got a job with the United States Air Force in New York City. During that time she loved to shop in New York. Following her employment with the Air Force, Joyce began working as a proof reader for Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

Joyce met Crawford S. Reeves and they married in 1956. In 1958 their son, Kyle P. Reeves was born. Joyce and Crawford divorced in 1966.

On the advice of her friend Ona Berkeley, Joyce went to the City Hall of East Orange to apply for a job. Hired as a secretary, in 1961 Joyce became the **FIRST** Black woman hired by the City in a non-custodial position. Working for the Department of Health and Human Services, Joyce was successful and steadily promoted throughout her career. At the time of her retirement in 1996 she was Principal Accounting Clerk. Joyce was a trail-blazer and a role model for many that followed.

Joyce enjoyed her retirement. She loved going out to various events and activities. She especially liked watching her favorite TV shows- *Alfred Hitchcock*, *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of Fortune*.

On May 29, 2015, Joyce peacefully passed away. She leaves behind her devoted son, Kyle P. Reeves; her loving grandson, Luiz G. Dos Santos Reeves and a host of dear friends.



Order of Service

Seating of Family and Friends

InvocationClergy

Prayer..... Clergy

Hymn of ComfortCalvin Blount

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

SelectionCalvin Blount

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Obituary (In Silence)

Eulogy..... Rev. Tyrone Stamps

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey



Afterglow



*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
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 behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall



Acknowledgement

The family of **Joyce W. Reeves** would like to express sincere appreciation to all for the love, prayers, support and comforting words at our time of sorrow. May God Bless you all.

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