

In Loving Memory of

Sophia Rich

Sunrise

April 30, 1933

Sunset

September 16, 2015



Service:

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

FAITH CHAPEL REFORMED CHURCH

618 Broadway

Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Darryl Redmond, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Sophia Mae (Brown) Rich, was born April 30, 1933, in Harrison, N.J. She was the second child of Abraham and Eva Mae Brown.

Sophia was educated in the Paterson Public School system, attending and graduating from School #10 and Eastside High School. While at Eastside, Sophia was a part of the marching squad called the Strutters.

Later in 1953-54, Sophia earned a certificate from Jersey City Medical Center specializing in Roentgenology (the study of x-ray).

In 1955, she obtained from the American College of Radiology and the American Society of X-Ray Technicians the degree of Registered X-Ray Technician authorizing her to use the abbreviation R. T.

In 1969, Sophia became certified by the State of New Jersey's Department of Health as a Registered X-Ray Technician. Prior to 1969, she worked as an X-Ray Technician at Holy Name Hospital, for various orthopedic physicians as well as the Paterson Board of Health.

Sophia also pursued a career in real estate working for and with several realtors in Paterson, eventually she became a broker.

In 1962, Sophia married Norman Pedro Rich Sr. and from that union a son, Rashe David Rich was born. However, Sophia also raised her husband's son, Norman Pedro Rich, Jr. as well from another union.

Sophia loved listening to Jazz on WBGO on Sundays, cleaning and then cleaning some more, defending the underdog, caring for sister, Rose Marie. She was an avid reader. She not only read for herself she read for everyone else as well. If she found an article pertaining to something that you were interested in or in your line of work; it was cut out and mailed to you. Best of all and more then anything, she loved being mother to her two sons.

Sophia has been predeceased by her husband, Norman Pedro Rich Sr., Son, Norman Pedro Rich Jr., her parents, Abraham and Eva Mae Brown, sisters, Vennie Ruth Brown Gilbert and Sandra Brown Croonquist and a brother, Abraham Brown Jr.

Sophia Mae (Brown) Rich, age 82 departed this life after a long illness at St. Joseph Wayne Hospital (Kindred Hospital).

She leaves to mourn her son, Rashe David Rich; sisters, Barbara Brown Marsan (Earl), Rose Marie Brown and Ann Lois Brown Chatman (Rufus); also, a host of nieces, nephews and friends in New Jersey and Washington, D. C.

Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation

Hymn #452

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

Old Testament

Psalm 25:1-7

New Testament

Romans 8:31-39

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements/Remarks

Dr. Earl A. Marsan -Brother-in-law

Obituary

Dr. Ena A. Marsan - Niece

Remembrance

Rashe David Rich - Son

Song of Comfort

Words of Hope and Comfort

Pastor Darryl Redmond

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

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 family of the late **Sophia Rich** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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