

The Celebration of the Life of
Evelyn Juanita Horton Davis

December 22, 1929 - October 17, 2016



Wednesday, October 26, 2016- 12:00 Noon

Woody “Home For Services”

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Lloyd P. Terrell, Officiating

Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Evelyn Juanita Horton Davis was the first child of two daughters born to the late James Henry Horton (Zebulon, NC) and the late Florence Gloskin Simmons Horton (Halifax County, VA) on Sunday, December 22, 1929 in Newark, NJ. Named after her late mother's sister, the late Evelyn ("Ev") Gladys Johnson, **Evelyn** grew up with a love for her family and friends that were spent at their Telford Street home in East Orange (also known as "Tortilla Flat") after the family's move from 14th Avenue in Newark, NJ. The fun times with her family were always better when she spent them with her best friend, cherished sister and only sibling, Marilyn.

During **Evelyn's** early years, she grew to know and admire the strength and character of her dear maternal grandfather, the late William Anderson Simmons, who had a great sense of humor. Evelyn also learned to admire the example of love and family devotion of her maternal grandmother, the late Florence White Simmons. These examples are what shaped **Evelyn's** own virtues and her gentle and jovial spirit which was invariably accompanied by what many of us will remember as her hearty, infectious laugh!

Evelyn spent her eighth grade school year under the tutelage of her grandparents in Halifax County (South Boston), VA and attended West Side High School in Newark, NJ before she went on to enjoy her collegiate years at Bloomfield College (Bloomfield, NJ). She majored in education with a minor in history and received her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in 1954.

Evelyn's commitment to education continued when she served in the faculty and staff of Oakwood Avenue and Lincoln Avenue schools in Orange, NJ before her retirement as an administrator in 1992.

During her time as a substitute teacher of a fourth grade class in the Newark Public School system, **Evelyn** received help from a seasoned colleague, Woodrow Davis of Englewood, NJ. This friendship was the foundation of what would become their union as husband and wife a few years later on November 22, 1958 at Union Baptist Church in Orange, NJ. To this union was born their devoted and supportive son, James Franklin Davis on April 26, 1964.

Evelyn was inducted as a member into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in 1979. She also served as a member of Essex County League of Volunteer Workers, and Jack and Jill of America. **Evelyn** was also an avid reader and a lover of history and an avid Johnny Mathis fan. But her favorite past time of all, was to watch and cheer for her Boston Red Sox. She put together a scrapbook that chronicled the team's 1946 season and began her journey then as a lifelong fan.

Evelyn fought the good fight while battling multiple sclerosis and was cheerful until the Lord called her home peacefully in her sleep at her Lakewood, NJ residence where she lived since 2004.

Evelyn leaves to rejoice in the celebration and memory of her life, her beloved son and daughter-in-law, James Franklin and Rebecca Drumm Davis and two grandsons, Sean Harrison Davis and Trey Anthony Davis (Morristown, NJ); three nieces, Danielle Smith Mathis (Charlotte, NC); Stephanie (Frank) Brown (Midlothian, VA), and Jude (Rollin) Rachele (Sunderland, VT); caregivers, Carmela Aguirre and Valentina Kiss; two godchildren, Darryl Jeffries (Montclair, NJ) and Dr. Kimberly Campbell-Brown (Burtonsville, MD); four dear sister-friends, Dora Campbell (Palm Coast, FL) Vera Coppick (LaPlata, MD), the late Theresa (Toot) Curry (West Orange, NJ), and Elaine Jeffries (Orange, NJ); and a host of great nieces and great nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Medley for Reflections.....Myron Smith, Organist

Scripture Readings

Old Testament- Psalm 23

New Testament- 2 Corinthians 5:1

Prayer of Consolation.....Rev. Lloyd P. Terrell

Congregational Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Acknowledgements & Condolences.....Darryl Jeffries

Song of Celebration.....Tyrone Dunlap

Obituary Reading.....Dr. Kimberly Campbell

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Farewell MemoriesFamily and Friends
(Please Limit Your Remarks to a Maximum of Two Minutes)

Eulogy.....Rev. Lloyd P. Terrell
Franklin-St. John United Methodist Church

Committal

Benediction

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Repast

*Following the committal, family and friends are invited to a
repast at Sakura Grill & Supreme Buffet,
240 Route 10, W., East Hanover, NJ 07936, 973.428.6111.*



*Precious
Memories
Last
Forever*



Fond Memories





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

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all's so bright!
There's a perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the Valley of the Shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt and dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

The James Davis family expresses extreme gratitude for your words and prayers of comfort, consolation, and encouragement.

Interment Held Privately

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