

Celebrating the Life

of
Elaine

Ward

Sunrise: March 6, 1950

Sunset: January 18, 2017

Thursday, January 26, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

Viewing: 10:00 a.m-12:00 Noon

ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

139 Carroll Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Pastor



Reflections of Life

Elaine Ward, affectionately known to her family and friends as “Cookie”, was born March 6, 1950 in the State of New York to Barbara Ward.

Elaine was known for her hard work and determination against all odds. Elaine resided in New Jersey for approximately 30 years, in which most of them was spent in Paterson and Central Jersey. She then decided to relocate and make a better life for herself in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Past age 40, she studied and attained her GED, along with several certifications in the medical field. She worked at, Cape Fear Hospital, Bio Life and Talecris/Grifols Plasma Centers as a Phlebotomist. She also worked as a CNA II at several health facilities in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Elaine had a smile that could light up any room, and a temperament that would let you know, you better come correct. Generous, congenial, and loving, are just a few adjectives that depicts her character. She would give anyone the shirt off her back and her last dollar if need be. She enjoyed her life to the fullest as she enjoyed traveling and a good musical concert. Playing Bingo, shooting pool and catching a good movie were some of her pastime hobbies she enjoyed. Our mom loved her dogs, whom she loved and cared for them as her children. They also protected her, as children would protect their parents. One of her favorite gospel singers was Marvin Sapp; she loved his song “Never Would’ve Made It”. She loved the Lord and attended church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Elaine went home to be with the Lord on January 18, 2017 at Hackensack Hospital in Hackensack, NJ, with her children by her side.

She was preceded in death by her mother Barbara Ward, Uncle Emanuel Ellis, Brother Reginald M. Ward, nieces Shante Taylor, and Anita Settles, and guardian Nannie Hughes.

Elaine leaves to celebrate her life: her three sons, Michael Ward, Kenneth Ward, and Kendall Ward; one daughter, Stephanie Ward; two sisters, Celeta Taylor and Yolanda Pelotte; one brother, Robert Wilkins; three grandchildren, Sache Walls, Destinee Kapree Ward and Karahji A. Ward; and a host of close friends and family.

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort
“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

New Testament: 2nd Timothy 4:7

Prayer of Comfort
Robert Wilkins

Hymn of Hope and Assurance
“I Am Free”

Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort
Guided

Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life
Tiffany Smith
Michele Tourse

Message of Comfort
Pastor Clayton

Recessional

Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

Strong Woman

You began the race from behind, but was able to catch up....

You fell many times, but got up, dusted yourself off,
and ran even harder, ran even faster...

When the door of opportunity was closed,
you went and built your own door.....

When you doubted yourself and your abilities,
the seeds you've sown in your children flourished,

And you gained strength, inspiration, motivation,
and you silenced the nay-sayers...

Your fighting spirit was contagious
and it carried your family to heights you would not believe...

You say that your children were your inspiration
and gave you something to live for.....

Well, you were your children's and family foundation,
your words and spirit will live on through us.....

Now and forever you will be our Strong Woman.

By: Kenneth Ward (son)

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Elaine M. Ward** 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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