celebrating the life of Zelda H. Epps

Sunrise: July 25, 1963 - Sunset: February 1, 2017



"No you're not perfect but you're not your mistakes"

Service:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 6:00 pm

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey Rev. Phillip Gilmore, Officiating Walt Sorey, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

Zelda Hardnett Epps, the fourth of seven children, was born on July 25, 1963 to Willie J. Hardnett and Pearlie M. Hardnett. She was born in Jersey City, NJ and spent most of her childhood years raised in Hillside, NJ where she attended grammar school and High school.

Zelda was a lover of music, dancing, food and overall enjoying life. She'd never shy away from change and believed in living for the moment. Despite her flaws and the tribulations she faced throughout her life, she was the epitome of resilience, persistence, and had an ability to see opportunity in any circumstance.

Zelda spent most of her adult life in New Jersey where she gave birth to four children; Kevin D. Rhodes, Rondell C. Wilkes, Nicole J. Epps, and Chlesha D. Rhodes. Other than New Jersey, Zelda also spent 5 years living in Arcadia, FL after traveling south on a road trip in 1994. In her time there, she gained a whole new extension of friends and loved ones that held cherished relationships with her until her move back to New Jersey in 1999.

Zelda was predeceased by her father, Willie John Hardnett in July of 2012.

In addition to her mother and children, left to cherish her memory are her two grandchildren; Rondell Wilkes Jr. and Cameron Wilkes, 6 siblings; Barbara Hunter, Lesa Hardnett, Benita Staples, Valerie Scott, William Hardnett Jr. and Tawan Hardnett, her nieces and nephews, her significant other Isaac, close friend Joseph Miles, and a large family of cousins, grand nieces and nephews, in-laws, distant relatives and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy Rev. Phillip Gilmore

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of the late **Zelda Hardnett-Epps** wish to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to those who've shared their condolences, acts of kindness and sincerity during our time of sorrow. We wish each of you many blessings and we shall remember your kindness with grateful hearts.

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