

In Loving Memory of



Sonia Roach

Sunrise: June 15, 1933

Sunset: March 25, 2017

Thursday, March 30, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Eternity Funeral Services, LLC

129 Engle Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Father Alejandro Gronifillo, Officiating

Obituary

Sonia Alethea Wilson Roach was born on June 15th 1933 to Charles Wilson and Daisy Lindo Wilson in the town of Mandeville, Manchester Parish, Jamaica, West Indies. She was the second of five siblings, two boys and three girls. The five children were: Derrick, the oldest, followed by Sonia, Teddy, Marina and Charles Jr. The Wilson family eventually moved to Kingston Jamaica where Sonia attended Saint Andrew's secondary school for girls in Kingston. She came to America to attend New York University.

While there she met her husband, Kenneth Alphonso Roach of Brooklyn. She continued her studies at Brooklyn College and soon after married. In 1956 they had their first son, Gerald Charles. Five years later the couple had their second son, Neil Alexander. Sonia and Kenneth moved to Englewood, New Jersey in 1962 and raised their two sons. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood. She served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon and an elder. She held a variety of different jobs including: teaching home economics at Dwight Marrow HS, warehouse manager at Nat Sherman Cigars, and finally she worked for New Jersey Bell in Teaneck, NJ.

She worked for NJ Bell for 15 years first as a dispatcher and later as a customer service representative. She retired in 1993. She moved to Sorrento Florida in 1994 where she lived next door to her sister, Teddy and brother-in-law, Russell. She lived in Central Florida for ten years enjoying her garden. In 2004 because of failing health, she moved to Hainesport, NJ to be close to her son, Neil and daughter-in-law, Epifania. Despite progressive Alzheimer's dementia she remained in her own home with the help of an aid, Irene and her son Gerald. After a long and slow progression of her dementia, Sonia finally succumbed to her illness at home, comfortably and peacefully.

She leaves behind: two sons, Gerald and Neil; three grandchildren, Aaron, Brittany and Christopher; a great grandchild, Isaiah; two sisters, Teddy and Marina; a brother, Charles and a host of extended family members, friends and co-workers. The many hearts and souls that she touched and benefited in the most positive of ways will all most certainly miss her.

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 121

John 14:1-6

Romans 8:25-31

HOMILY

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death, but for life with you forever. Without you we have nothing to hope for, with you we have nothing to fear. Speak to us now your words of eternal life. Lift us from anxiety and guilt to the light and peace of your presence, and set the glory of your love before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Interment

Cypress Hill Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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