

In Loving Memory of



Edna Dasher

"Phenomenal Woman"

Sunrise: September 6, 1920

Sunset: March 26, 2017

Service

Monday, April 3, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary



Edna Dasher was born on September 6, 1920 in Burlington, North Carolina to Zonie and Harry Holt. She was the fourth of five children: Trever, Frances, Curtis and Jean.

When Edna was a teenager, she moved from North Carolina to Harlem with her mother and sisters. In New York, she and her sister Jean worked together in pocketbook and dress factories. During World War II, the two sisters sewed fleece linings into Russian soldiers' uniforms for cold-weather combat.

In 1950, Edna married Mr. James Oscar Dasher and in 1960 they gave birth to their daughter, Penny. The couple enjoyed 63 years of marriage until James' death in 2013.

The energy of Harlem captivated and inspired Edna to become an advocate for her treasured community. She served as Director of United Leadership (a housing-assistance organization) where she also mentored and found summer jobs for neighborhood teenagers. In fact, those kids – now adults – still credit Edna for her help through the years.

Edna had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge (from current affairs and politics to mafia trivia and Martha Stewart recipes). And speaking of recipes, Edna made the most mouth-watering dishes in her kitchen. No one who crossed her doorway went hungry. Ever. She put her own spin on traditional Southern meals and loved experimenting with new concepts. She was not only a culinary visionary though.

An "Edna Dasher outfit" was one of a true fashion plate. A feather here. A brooch there. She'd sew or glue something onto a piece just to ensure she would not see someone walking down the street, looking exactly like her.

She exuded unflappable confidence and encouraged everyone around her to take that same pride in themselves. She believed life is too short for low self-esteem. In fact, one of her favorite sayings was, "I love me!". Well that you did, Edna...and we love you too.

Edna is survived by her daughter, Penny; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Prayer for the Family Pastor
Scripture Psalm 23
Selection “Blessed Assurance”
Reading of Obituary Mrs. Ruth Riviere-Estren
Selection “Wind Beneath My Wings”
Scripture Psalm 27
Sharing of Memories Family and Friends
Selection “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Benediction Pastor



Interment

*Mt. Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York*

PHENOMENAL WOMAN

Pretty women wonder
where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion
model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.
-Maya Angelou

Thank You

The family of Edna Dasher would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all who offered support for the passing of our beloved with their words, actions, thoughts and prayers.

We must also take this time to thank the home health aides and medical professionals – specifically Dr. Douglas Distefano, Dr. Stuart Finkel and the 117th Street Kidney Center, who not only gave our “Phenomenal Woman” the utmost care, but they also became a part of our family.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

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