

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a black halter-neck dress with a silver sequined waistband and a pearl necklace, stands in a greenhouse. She is holding a large white flower stem. The background shows rows of green plants in a nursery setting.

Celebrating the Life of

Dorrette McKenzie-Edwards

April 8, 1958 - May 11, 2017

Friday, May 26, 2017

Viewing: 4:00 p.m. - Service: 7:00 p.m.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

112-42 Springfield Boulevard • Queens Village, NY 11429

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Rev. A'Kim K. Beecham, Officiant

Mr. Lawrence Edwards, Organist

Obituary

“To be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord”

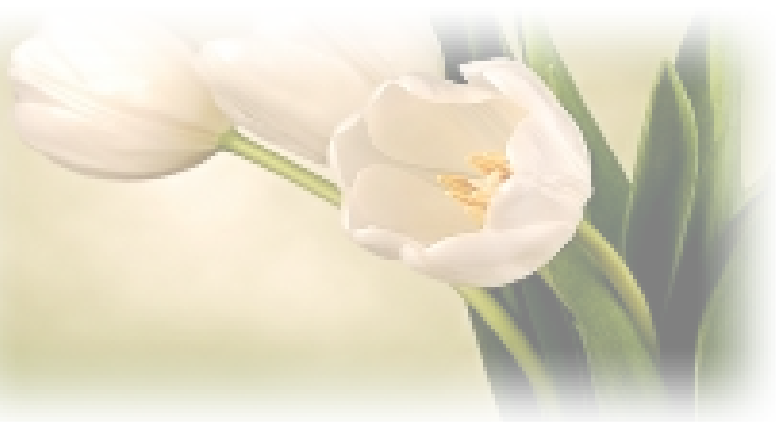
The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away -- Blessed is the name of the Lord! Tomorrow is not promised to any man. We cannot see or tell the future, but praise God we can have faith and trust in knowing that He holds the future. When God looked around in the garden, He reached down and plucked the most beautiful rose. He said ‘Dorrette your work on earth has ended, come my child and take rest from your weary travels’. And so it was, that Dorrette McKenzie Edwards, who celebrated her 59th birthday on April 8th, was called home on Thursday, May 11, 2017 surrounded by her husband and children, her dear sister Myrl and Niece, Andrea.

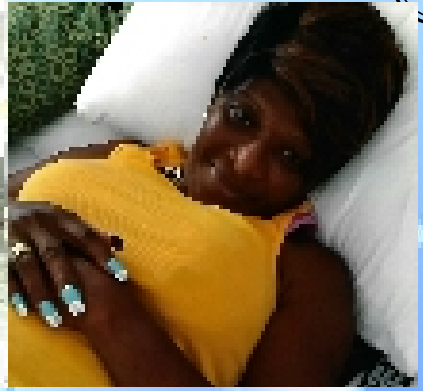
Dorrette was the 5th of seven children, born to Dora and Hustin McKenzie, in a small community in rural Westmoreland known as Blauwearie. She is pre-deceased by brothers Ryman, Albert and Algie. She attended Blauwearie Primary School, where she attained her early education, with the hope of becoming a nurse. However, the early death of her mother diverted her educational pursuits. As a result, she relocated to Kingston to live with her Aunt and family. Regardless, Dorrette was one who always worked hard and strived for excellence. Therefore, in spite of her setbacks, she persevered and this brilliant young lady found employment with a law firm in Kingston, Silvera & Silvera. It was during her tenure in Kingston, that she met Linton Edwards. The sparks ignited and they tied the knot on December 31st, 1982. The union produced four children, Deanne and Janelle (born in Jamaica), Dinitia and Jivaughn (born in the United States following their migration).

After they migrated to the United States, Dorrette entered the field of nursing, fulfilling her lifelong ambition. She worked at the Beth Abrahams Hospital for 26 years, until she became incapacitated and retired early. Dorrette was bubbly, bright, outgoing, caring, loving, kind, compassionate, and selfless. She embraced everyone, especially her family members with all these rare qualities.

Wherever, however, whatever, she would always be asking and saying how best she could help; even if it meant going out of her way. She was always saying “no problem [chile], that is what we are here for”! Dorrette gave until it hurt -- her kindness and willingness to help made her invaluable. She extended help and herself without expecting anything in return. Dorrette has left an indelible mark on all our lives and that impact is no more evident than in the many faces gathered here today to pay homage to her and express love for her and her family.

Dorrette led a rich and fulfilling life and her soul was profoundly blessed by God. Dorrette accepted the Lord as her personal Friend and Savior, received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues and got baptized in Jesus’ Name on January 16, 2016. To Linton, Deanne, Janelle, Dinitia, and Jivaughn, and her only grandchild, Nazir, I know there are and will be many unanswered questions; but take heart, cherish the fond memories – only the good die young! Treasure the time you spent with your mother and wife. God has relieved her of her suffering and for this we say Thank You Lord, Thy will be done! To Linton and the kids, her siblings Myrl, Neville, Danny, Norman, Dionne, the host of other relatives and friends, I will say gain strength and courage knowing that the Lord gives, He takes, He loves, and He always cares. Remember that after a night of mourning, joy comes in the morning. She has gone to a better place. Sleep on beloved and take your rest. May your soul rest in peace! We all love you Dorrette, but God loves you best!

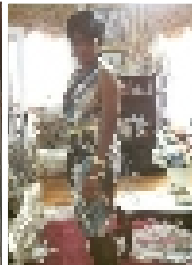
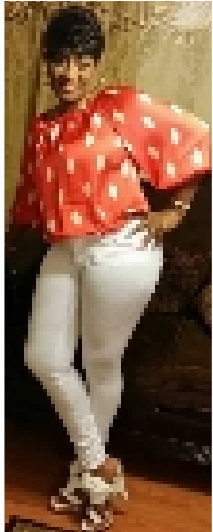
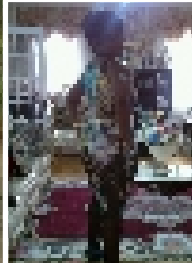
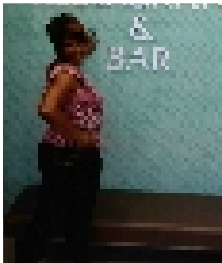
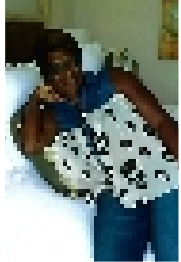
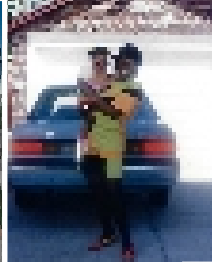
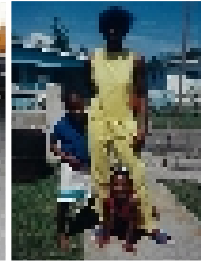
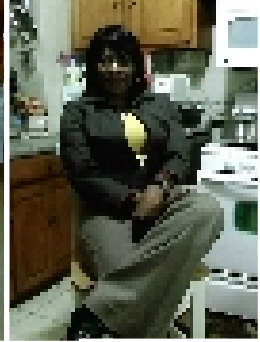
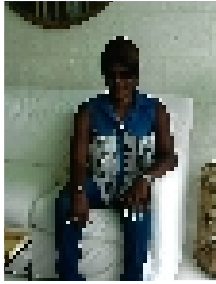
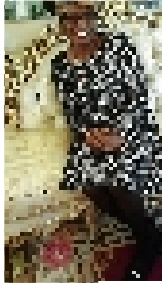




*“GONE FROM
US.....”.*

*Gone from us that smiling face,
The cheerful pleasant ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone, happy days.
A life made beautiful by kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others' needs.
To a beautiful life,
Comes a happy end,
She died as she lived,
Everyone's friend.
“Author Unknown”*





Order of Service

Musical Prelude Instrumental

Processional Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort Rev. A'Kim Beecham

Scripture Reading

Old Testament John 14:1-6
(Family Friend) Ms. Sheron Wynter

New Testament Cor. 15:50-58
(Family Friend) Ms. Theresa Jackson-Savage

Song Selection “Bridge Over Troubled Waters”
Ms. Rose (Andrea) Madison (Niece)

Hymn “What a Friend we have in Jesus”

Special Tribute Poem
(Family Friend) Ms. Nicole Sinclair

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Special Tribute Prayer Dance
(Family Friend) ”Coco”

Song Selection “God Give Life”
Ms. Myrl Fletcher (Sister)

Tributes (Limit 4 Mins.) Family and Friends
(Ms. Kathleen Peru, Ms. Sheron Wynter,
Ms. Carol Davis & Any other)

Reading of Obituary(Celebration of her Life)
Ms. Florence Nickle (Family Friend)

Song Selection “Missing You”
Ms. Vazasha Peters (Niece)

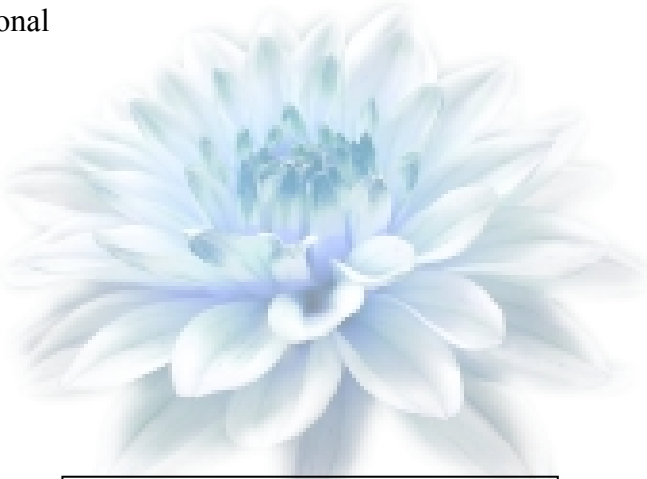
Acknowledgement Ms. Vicki Greene
(Church Member)

Hymn..... “Rock of Ages”

Benediction/Eulogy Pastor Phillip William

Hymn “I’ll Fly Away”
“It is well with My Soul”

Recessional



Interment
Family Plot
Westmoreland, Jamaica, WI

REPAST
9:00 – 12:00 PM
C.W. Mixon Centre
112-50 Springfield Boulevard
Queens Village, NY 11429

You will be forever the sunshine in our hearts!



Don't cry for me, because now I'm Free. I am following the path God laid for me, I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that place at the close of day. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now, he set me free.

Acknowledgement

The family of Dorrette McKenzie-Edwards would like to express their sincere gratitude for your kindness, flowers and all expressions of love at this time. May God continue to keep you steadfast in his love and sustain and grant you his richest blessings.

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