

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Evelyn Louise Douglas Spruill*



*Sunrise*  
*October 26, 1954*

*Sunset*  
*August 24, 2017*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Evelyn L. Spruill** was born October 26, 1954 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late John Wesley (Buddy) Gilmore and Christine Gilmore.

Evelyn was educated in the Paterson Public School System. She graduated from East Side High School. In the early 1980's, she completed her education at Wilfred Beauty Academy, where she received her certification in cosmetology.

After a career change she became a nursing assistant, she was employed at Eastern Christian Children's Retreat in Wykoff, NJ, until she retired due to her health.

Evelyn was affectionately known as Miss E or Miss Evelyn, she was the sassy but classy Diva. Her big beautiful smile brightened any room she entered. Along with her sparkling jewelry, hair and nails always done, her personality was as big as her smile. You knew when she stepped in the room, you were going to have a good time and enjoyed lot of laughs.

She was loved by family and friends and was known for her outspoken personality. She was a great shoulder to lean on. If you wanted advice from her, you knew you were going to get the truth, no sugar coating of anything. It was all done with love and a smile after she set you straight.

Evelyn was predeceased by her parents, John Wesley Gilmore and Christine Gilmore. She was also predeceased by a brother, Alvertis Gilmore.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories, her husband, Joshua (Peter) Spruill, Jr.; daughter, Tonia Lee of Olathe, Kansas; sons, Joseph Lee, Michael Lee and Courtney Douglas of Paterson, NJ; grandchildren, Asia Lewis of Olathe, Kansas, Dariel Lee, Zaire Lee Dixon, Zamir Lee Dixon, Iyanna Young and A'jahne Douglas of Paterson, New Jersey; a brother, Mosley Gilmore of Tampa, Florida; four sisters-in-law, Judy Lee, Delois White, Everline Spruill and Lorine Spruill of Paterson, New Jersey. She is also survived by a host of family, friends, coworkers and church family.

*Thursday, August 31, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

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*Order of Service*

Prelude

Harold Edgar

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor D'Andra Johnson

Recessional

**Interment**

Arlington Cemetery

748 Schuyler Ave. Kearny, New Jersey

## *A Poem For Grandma*

Grandma, you always talked about a place in heaven for you  
and now you have one.

The memories you've left us with always be in our hearts,  
they will stick to us like glue and never depart.

You've been our rock, our savior at times and our wisdom keeper  
and your love will continue to go deeper.

Even when we were uncomfortable in the skin we are in,  
you showed us to love ourselves.

Evelyn, Grandma, Ma, Sis, were just a few of the names you were  
called by family and friends but all the names in the world will never  
replace the love you gave to people who were dearest to you

You were blunt and never held back what you had to say and we  
admired that about you for that. Thank you for being a friend, a guide,  
a mentor, a comforter, a forgiver and most importantly a blessing.

Evelyn Louise Spruill, we love you and will miss you dearly.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Evelyn Louise Douglas Spruill** 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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