

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

*Wendy  
Rodgers*

Sunrise: May 9, 1961  
Sunset: October 28, 2017

**Service:**  
Monday, November 6, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey  
**Pastor Fondrea Lewis, Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**Wendy Rodgers** was a resident of Hillside, New Jersey for over forty years. In 1975 she graduated from Walter O. Krumbiegel Elementary School in Hillside. She graduated from Hillside High School in 1979 after which she attended Sawyer Business School in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In the late 1980s Wendy began her career as a sales representative for American Home Remodeling in Irvington, New Jersey where she worked until her untimely death. For the past 10 years she also worked at Vanguard Cleaning in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey as the top sales representative. Wendy was a hard and diligent worker. She worked both jobs until her untimely death.

Wendy enjoyed being with her family. Her family was everything to her and she loved them deeply. She would call everyone in the family to plan barbecues at the family's house. Wendy was so full of life and was always the life of the party. Calling everybody by their full name and clapping really loud when her jam came on. She was very thoughtful and always looked out for everyone. All the kids in the family loved spending time with aunt Wendy. She was the aunt who would let you eat all the candy you wanted. She would watch scary movies with all the kids, and would be the first to scare them. Around the holidays she made sure the house was decorated for the children. Wendy was the aunt who played games with all the kids, and she would dance all night with them. Her smile and laugh were contagious. It was always a good time when Wendy was around. Wendy loved spending time with her mother. She would always stop by and make sure that her mother was alright. Wendy always cleaned the house, mowed the lawn, raked the leaves and shoveled the snow. Wendy and her mother were very close and she spent her last days doing what she loved, which was spending time with her mother.

Wendy was preceded in death by her father, Earl J. Rodgers Sr., and her brother Earl Rodgers Jr. She is survived by her mother Eula L. Rodgers, her sisters Cecelia Rodgers-Hanks and Denise Rodgers; and her brother Dwayne R. Rodgers. She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews and family and friends who loved her deeply. Wendy was a shining light and will be truly missed.

# *Order of Service*

Processional  
Dr. Fondrea Lewis and Family

Selection

Acknowledgements And Reading Of A Poem For The Family  
Jeanette Thomas

Remarks  
Family and Friends

Obituary Reading  
Dwayne Rodgers

Selection

Eulogy and Prayer  
Dr. Fondrea Lewis

Recessional

*Wendy will be laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside, New Jersey. All our are welcome to join the family for the interment after the funeral service.*



# *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love  
that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey  
that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are  
lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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