

*A Service for Thanksgiving for*

*Vera  
Evadney  
Edwards*

*Sunrise  
December 15, 1932*

*Sunset:  
November 25, 2017*

**Service:**

Friday, December 8, 2017 - 6:00 pm

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. James Cummings, Master of Ceremony**

**Pastor Winston C. Patterson, Officiating**

**Emory Lee, Organist**

# Obituary

**Vera Evadney Edwards**, Nee Semple, also known as Teacher Waveney, was born on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1932 at Lichfield Village, West Coast Berbice, Guyana in South America to the late Levi and Sarah Semple. She was the third of six children.

Vera received a full primary and secondary education. She attended Lichfield Primary School before proceeding to Georgetown where she attended and graduated from the Carnegie School of Home Economics.

Vera was an extremely talented and hard-working woman. Her deep passion for children led her to open and manage her very own kindergarten school. She was a great school teacher and did a remarkable job molding her students with an early education leading them to great success. Many have gone on to become great professionals. Her caring nature and devotion to education was showcased in the success of her students. Vera also taught her own upholstery class in Lichfield for young adults in the community.

She met her charming sweetheart, Dover Edwards and they joined hands in matrimony in 1960. They had four loving children.

Vera was also a business woman. In continuing her love for children, she set up a snack booth at Lichfield Primary School where she provided snacks for students during lunch. However, she had bigger dreams for the future. She opened her own local grocery shop for the village where she sold a variety of items. Her hard work and determination contributed to her family's dream to migrate to the United States.

In July 1985, Vera and her late husband Dover migrated to the United States to work in preparation for their children's arrival to the United States. With the combination of her passion for children and business, Vera became a nurturing caregiver for over 25 years, right from her own home. Through her hard work and persistence, she and her late husband provided the opportunity for her four children to migrate to the United States.

Vera will be remembered for her great sense of humor, love for her family, and deep generosity. Vera enriched the lives of her family and friends in the U.S. by allowing her home to be a place for frequent gatherings. Her strong generosity also enriched the lives of those back in Lichfield by instilling the tradition of preparing and sending barrels of supplies for those in need.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, she took her place in the arms of her Lord and Savior. Vera was a caring and devoted mother, mother-in-law, doting grandmother, wonderful sister and great friend to many. To cherish her precious memories, she leaves four loving children Donna Edwards Okusanya, Avis Bentick, Pauline Sears, and Neil Edwards. Foster son, Dwain Duke. Seven grandchildren Curwin Edwards, Curlin Wheeler, Curolle and Corey Edwards, Horton and Osric Sears and Sherwin Bentick. Great grandson Carter Edwards and grandson-in-law Daniel Wheeler. Sons-in-law Harold Sears and Joseph Bentick and Daughter-in-law Lynette Edwards. Sisters Eula Benjamin (Sister Shiela) and Doris Peters Semple. Brothers-in-law Prince Barnwell and George Edwards. A host of nieces and nephews Gail Semple Jacques, Clyde, Adrian, Otis, and Ossie Benjamin, Alexis Benjamin David, Lorene West, Hermine Oree, Justice and Legal Advisor to the Guyana Police Force Claudette Singh, Orin and Annis White. Myrtle and Vere Prince. Clotilda and Bergette Semple, Nicole Corte, Keisa George Wilson and others, Adrian Jr. and others, Anola Benjamin and others, Winnica Benjamin and others, and Kaylee Benjamin. Delwin Semple, Brian Prince and others Cherise Tappin and Anthony Wade, Lisa and Darien Jacques, and Brandon and Brice David.

Nieces and Nephews in-law Wendy, Marcia and Carieann Benjamin, Ian David, Paula White, Karen Prince, Alice Linton, Kendrick McPherson, Gregory Edwards and others. Cousins Valarie and James Scipio, Beatrice Johnson, Winifred Mitchell, Cecil Henry, Wilfred Semple, Professor Woosley Semple, Clive Cummings, Victor Davidson, Dianne Wade Heronstine, Donna Bentick, Madame Justice Yonette Cummings Edwards, Emette Halley, Raulda Miller, Yonette White and others. The Cummings, Wades, Semples, Nicholsons, Davis, Peters and numerous others. Friends Pamela Tappin, Vilma Gravesande, Brenda Howell, Lenora Moore, Everette George and others.

Her work on this earth is done, she fought a good fight. Sleep on. Sleep on. We'll cherish the loving and funny memories. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace and rise in glory.

# Order of Service

Welcome.....Rev. James Cummings

Hymn .....“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

Prayer

Old Testament Lesson.....Psalm 23, Horton Sears

Special Tribute.....Curwin Edwards

New Testament Lesson .....John 14: 1-6, Curolle Edwards

Musical Selection .....“Blessed Assurance”

Obituary.....Donna Edwards - Okusanya

Tribute.....Dianne Hermonstine

Reflections.....Friends and Family

Eulogy.....Pastor Winston Patterson

Prayer

Hymn .....“It is Well With My Soul”

Final Hymn.....“In the Sweet Bye and Bye”

Benediction .....Pastor Winston Patterson

Final Viewing

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>INTERMENT</u></b> Litchfield Cemetery Litchfield, Guyana</p>
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# "Do Not Cry for Me"

*Don't cry for me.  
I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.  
Don't cry for me.  
I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.  
Don't cry for me.  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.  
Don't cry for me.  
I am not alone.  
The angels are with me  
to welcome me home.  
Don't cry for me,  
for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.  
Don't cry for me.  
This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.*

## 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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