



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**



*Mavis Joyce Graham*

Sunrise: May 4, 1922  
Sunset: January 16, 2018

**Service:**  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.



**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Mavis J. Graham** was born May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1922 in Westmoreland, Jamaica, W.I. to parents Julius and Maud Black. She had five siblings who pre-deceased her.

Mavis married her husband Zedford Adolphus Graham in 1946. They had four children together and she became a stepmother to two of his sons, whom she treated just like her own. The union allowed her and her family to live in several parishes in Jamaica. Due to her husband's profession, he was transferred frequently and she never complained.

In the early 60's, Mavis migrated to the United States of America with the intention of making a better life for her family. After working hard and saving, she was able to send for her husband and children. They both worked towards their goal of owning their own home and provide a good education for their children, which she and her husband was able to accomplish.

Mavis was a devoted wife, mother and a hard worker. Her home was always open to anyone. She was a very giving person. She was the best cook in the world and as soon as you entered her home she would offer something to eat and drink. She made you feel welcome in her home.

Mavis loved music, dancing and entertaining and always smiling. Family was very important to her.

Mavis leaves behind:

**Children:** Sonia, Carl, Collin and Barry

**Stepsons:** Ransford and Derrick

**Grandchildren:** Natasha, Sean, Carl Jr., Geoffrey, Craig and Kevin

**Great Grandchildren:** Taejuan, Gabriella, Micaiah and Dominique

**Great-Great-Grandchild:** Arion

She also left behind several nieces and nephews.

She will be missed by all. We love you mom.

# Order of Service

Organist

Prayer..... Rev. Robert L. Morrast

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Carolyn Elder

New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Carolyn Elder

Solo.....“I Won’t Complain” Rev. Robert L. Morrast

Remarks

Eulogy..... Carl A. Graham

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Robert L. Morrast

**INTERMENT**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
408 Orange Road  
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

## **Pall Bearers**

Barrington Graham

Ransford Graham

Geoffrey Graham

Taejaun Ellis

Carl Graham

Sean Brown

Repass Lunch will be held at  
Bella Italia Restaurant  
535 Central Ave, Orange, N.J. 07050



If roses grow in heaven  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy.  
I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will never go away.

Your Loving Children

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Mavis Joyce Graham** would like to extend appreciation for all your kind words and thoughtfulness during these difficult times.

Thank you all.

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