

Reflections of Life

EDNA MARIE BEST COX of Wayne, New Jersey passed away on Monday, April 06, 2020. She was born on December 20, 1950 in the Goldsboro, NC to the late Bishop Hebrew Mekoda Best and Marie (Braswell) Best. The family moved to the Bronx, NY for several years before settling in Glen Rock, New Jersey in 1957. Edna was educated in the Glen Rock public school system and then graduated from Kennedy High School in Paterson, New Jersey in 1969.

Edna gave her life to Christ at an early age at the Victory Temple Unity Holiness Church under the leadership of her father the late Bishop H. M. Best. She was a faithful and devoted member where she served by singing on the choir, singing in various groups as well as the organist of the Gospel choir. She also worked as the Minister of Music at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph J. Robinson.

While residing in New Jersey she was employed at the G & G Distributors in Saddle Brook, NJ for several years. Then Edna relocated to Norcross, Georgia where she worked in the Call Center for the Office Depot Company for over 10 years.

While in Georgia, she was a member and the Minister of Music at the Perfecting Word Deliverance Ministry now located in Grayson, Georgia. Edna was very crafty and creative in being able to create something out of anything she thought was useful; like transforming an empty Godiva Chocolate box into a decorative jewelry box.

Her wonderful attributes consist of being a great listener, one that was very trustworthy and a true confidant. With these facets, she was a mother figure to many. Edna enjoyed the simple old fashion notion of receiving all occasion cards in the mail. Any gift large or small was a special gift. She often said that the greatest gift from God was her two sons and two grandsons in which she collaged her room wall with their pictures.

Edna was predeceased by Phillip Gamble and Alton Ray Cox; her parents Bishop H.M. Best and Marie Braswell Best; three brothers James Farrell Best, Theodore O'neil Best Sr. and Mekoda Best Jr.

She is survived by two sons Reggie Phillip Gamble (Dion) of Fair Lawn, New Jersey and Shawn Maurice Cox of Lawrenceville, Georgia and two grandsons Shawn Cox Jr. and Savien Cox. Also, survived by two sisters Jenell Best of Paterson, New Jersey and Joelle Graham (Rev. Barry L. Graham) of Teaneck, New Jersey, sister-in-law Mary Best (Theo); three brothers Lorenzo Best (Wanda) of Sugar Hill, Georgia, Timothy Best of Titusville, Florida and Levi Best of Florence, South Carolina; one Godson Brandon Graham, and the very special Mrs. Tara Carter Fisher of which she loved like a daughter; four aunts, one uncle and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

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