

*In Loving Memory of*

*Eleanor West*

**Sunrise**

January 5, 1959

**Sunset**

April 27, 2020

*Saturday, May 9, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.*

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

# Reflections of Life

Eleanor West graced the world with her presence on January 5, 1959 to parents Annabella and Joseph West. She was the only girl to three brothers Joseph Jr. aka Buddy (deceased), Frank aka Frankie, and LeLord aka Kwon. She was born, raised, and lived her entire life in the city of Newark, NJ and attended local Newark schools including Quitman Street and Central High School where she loved to remind everyone of her flag twirling days.

After high school Eleanor dedicated her life to teaching children and was employed for over 23 years at Scudder Homes, Precious Littles and Bradley Court Daycare all located in Newark, NJ. Disability may have kept her out of the classroom but Eleanor still was a caregiver to not only her mother but also grandkids, former students, neighborhood children, and a long list of nieces and nephews.

Eleanor has one and only daughter Takiah aka Kia which she raised with partner Michael Canady. Eleanor was a devoted and patient mother with the biggest heart.

Eleanor was a member of Metropolitan Baptist church where she sang in the choir and later joined Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Eleanor had a smile and laugh that could light up any room, and a magnetic personality that attracted all from young to old. She was an active grandparent of four attending every single birthday party, performance and special event -- front and center. Any conversation with Eleanor left you "well informed" and well entertained to say the least. She loved to cook and entertain family and friends. You just haven't lived unless you had Eleanor's fried chicken and mac and cheese.

On April 27 th Eleanor lost her battle with multiple health related issues and passed at Beth Israel hospital in Newark, NJ. Her illness and pain is no more a burden to her in this life. Eleanor is preceded in death by great grandmother Clara Wilson, step father Leroy Middleton, brother Joseph West Jr, aunt Edna Montgomery, granddaughter Sade Downey and her best friend and goddaughter.

Eleanor is survived by mother Annabella Middleton, brother Frank West and sister-in-law Evangeline West, nieces and nephew Talitha, Salena, and Farrad; brother LeLord Middleton and nieces Gentae, Shantae, Janiya , and Latavia; daughter Takiah West, and four beloved grandchildren JaBrea, Jaryah, Jahmaal "JR" Patterson, and Shaheer Downey aka Boogie. She is also survived by special friend Arnold; and co-parent Mike. Eleanor will be dearly missed by a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other family and friends.

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