

## *I Am Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, to laugh,  
To love, to work, or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way  
I've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now, He set me free.*

*Shannon Lee Mosley*

## Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their gratitude to all relatives and friends for the expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness shown to them in their hours of bereavement. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we genuinely thank you.

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## A Celebration of Life for Daisy Lee Edwards Gibson



Sunrise:  
August 31, 1931

Sunset:  
February 11, 2022

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022**

**VIEWING ~ 10:00 AM**

**HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ~ 11:00 AM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Reginald McRae, Officiating*









Daisy Lee Edwards Gibson, beloved daughter, sister, niece, cousin, mother, and friend, was born on August 31, 1931 in Bainbridge, Georgia to the late Minnie Prudence Edwards. The apple of her family's eye, Daisy was an exuberant, vibrant, spirit.

Daisy attended Decatur County's elementary school system before migrating to Newark, NJ. She graduated from Southside High School in Newark, NJ. There, Daisy's outgoing personality blossomed as she was an active member of the Business Girls Club and honed her keen sense of fashion. Known for her graceful dancing, she performed in the Senior Dance Group.

Daisy was raised in a loving Christian home. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a dedicated member of Mt. Zion AME Church in Plainfield, NJ. She was an active member of the Missionary Society and faithfully participated in Sunday School.

Daisy was a multifaceted maverick and Jill of all trades. She worked at Century Glove Company in Newark, NJ, Johnson and Johnson Company in New Brunswick, NJ, and Westfield Infant Day Care Center in Westfield, NJ. She concluded her career serving as an in-home short-term care provider for adults with disabilities. Daisy opened her home and showered many clients with love, good food, and exemplary care.

Daisy loved life. She enjoyed travelling, Broadway shows, and shopping. On holidays particularly, she loved hosting her family and friends at her house. During warmer months, cookouts were a regular in the backyard. Some of her specialty dishes included

macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, fish fry's, potato salad, and more. When the gatherings were over, she insisted you made a plate to take home for later. In addition, Daisy savored game shows such as The Price Is Right, Wheel of Fortune, and Let's Make a Deal.

In 1960, Daisy said 'I-Do' to the love of her life, Smith Robert Gibson. From that union, a son was born, Eugene Tyrone Gibson. Together they raised a kind, thoughtful, and intelligent young man. Daisy adored her only child.

A long, well-lived, and blessed life came to an end on February 11, 2022 at JFK Hospital in Edison, NJ. Daisy fought a good fight and answered God's call as the good and faithful servant she was. There is comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best.

Daisy is preceded in death by her son, Eugene Gibson, her husband, Smith Gibson, her mother, Minnie Edwards, her sisters Ora Edwards, Bernice Francis, Bernice Clark, and her niece Sherry Hughes.

Daisy leaves to cherish her memories: sisters Florence Hughes and Linda Edwards; nieces Dorine Francis, and Dorinda Francis-McKenzie (Quinzell); nephew Terrance Edwards (Sheila); great-nieces Tiffany Cunningham (Anton), Tiarra and Shayla Edwards, Darian Rouse, and Quinn and Darla McKenzie; great nephew Terrance Edwards; great-great nephew Aiden Cunningham; special cousins Alvan Ponder (Eunice), James Edwards, Jr. (Janet), Julie Freeman (Kelvin), Delores Edwards-Massey, Betty Jean Edwards-Jewel, Kirk Douglass, Terrance Douglass (Toretta), Michelle Belin, Pete Spruiel, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones.

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