

I AM FREE

*Do not grieve for me, for now I am free
I am following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of the day.
If parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish 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 with undo grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Vivian Lee Edwards would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and support shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Vivian Lee Edwards

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 20, 1940 - SUNSET: JUNE 3, 2020



Homegoing Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH 2020 AT 2:00 PM

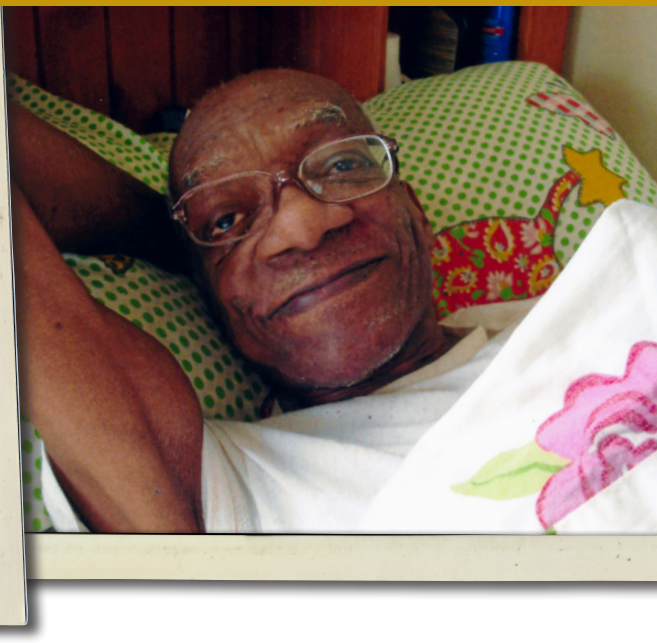
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MINISTER KEVIN WADE, *Musician*



Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION REV. JEFFREY CRENSHAW

SELECTION MINISTER KEVIN WADE

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 139: 1-5

NEW TESTAMENT JOHN 14: 1-7

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. JEFFREY CRENSHAW

SELECTION MINISTER KEVIN WADE

OBITUARY SHARON THOMAS

SELECTION MINISTER KEVIN WADE

EULOGY REV. JEFFREY CRENSHAW

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BENEDICTION REV. JEFFREY CRENSHAW

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Obituary

MRS. VIVIAN LEE HOLLEY EDWARDS was born in Harlem, New York on November 20, 1940 to her parents the late Warren Leroy and Tommie Mae Holley. Vivian and her siblings spent their childhood in Harlem and the Bronx, New York.

Vivian Lee accepted Christ into her life at an early age.

She received her formal education through the New York City Public School system and graduated from Central Commercial High School, currently Norman Thomas High School, New York, New York in 1958. Two years later Vivian Lee accepted a position as a clerical technician with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) where she retired in 2006. A career she loved and lasted for over forty years.

In 1962, Vivian Lee met the love of her life Willis B. Edwards. They married and had two beautiful daughters, Tracy R. Edwards and Kimberly E. Edwards. She spent most of her life dedicated to her family and spending time with friends.

Vivian was known to be of assistance to anyone who needed her help. She had a huge heart and always took time to make everyone around her laugh. She was known as a smooth dresser. She would wear the most popular suits that matched her attire, shoes and hat included. Her favorite color in her wardrobe was red and she dressed the part.

For the last seven years, she had an uphill battle with her health, but fought long to be with her devoted daughter Kimberly, A.J. and her grandson James. James meant the world to Vivian who he called "Mimi" affectionately.

The Edwards family would like to thank Yoland Djinko for taking care of Vivian Lee like a member of her own family for almost a year, contributing to her extended time with her family, good spirits and laughter until her passing.

On June 3, 2020, God called her home, joining her oldest daughter Tracy R. Edwards, three brothers: Warren Leroy Holley, Frederick Wayne Holley, Raymond Holley, Brother-in-Law Jimmy Lee Fields and Sister-in-Law Martha A. Holley.

Vivian Lee leaves to mourn her passing her devoted daughter Kimberly E. Edwards of New York City; her husband Wilis B. Edwards of Savannah, GA; A.J. and James Rivera-Colon of Middletown, NY; her sister Adrienne Jacqueline Fields of Horsham, PA; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, honorary daughters/sons, friends and colleagues from NYCHA.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Edwards Family