

23rd Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

*thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Acknowledgements

The Royal Family sincerely expresses their appreciation for all acts of kindness, love and prayers during this time of our bereavement.

Thank you for being a part of Willie's life

Arrangements Entrusted to:



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Celebrating the Life of



Wilhelmenia F. Royal

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 4, 1930 - SUNSET: JUNE 23, 2020

Funeral Service

Thursday, July 2, 2020 • 10:00 A.M.

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FATHER VICTOR EMUMWEN, *Officiating*

Interment

MOUNT REST CEMETERY

Butler, New Jersey

Order of Service

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALMS 121

Detra Royal - Hill

NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN 14:2

Charles Royal Jr.

OBITUARY

Patricia Royal

EULOGY

Father Victor Emumwen

BENEDICTION

Father Victor Emumwen



Obituary

WILHELMENIA F. ROYAL was born in Charleston, South Carolina to the proud parents of Mary and John H. Russell Sr. on October 4, 1930. She was the oldest of eight children.

Affectionately, known as Willie, she graduated from Burke Industrial High School and went on to attend Roper Hospital School of Nursing, graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

She then moved to New York in 1951 to pursue her nursing career. While in New York, she bumped into her childhood friend Charles S. Royal Sr., who became her husband for the next 58 years and preceded her in death 8 years ago. From this union came 3 children; Detra C. Royal-Hill, Patricia G. Royal and Charles S. Royal Jr.

Willie, always had a thirst for knowledge and educational advancement. She went back to school while raising a family and working. She attended Marymount College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985. She had an extensive nursing career which lasted 40 years.

She was devout and faithful to her church, St. Joseph of the Holy Family Church in Harlem, NY, where she would help and assist in any way she could. She was also, an active member of the Grant Houses Tenant's Association, where she held the position of secretary for several years, residing in Grant Houses for 56 years.

Willie had a great love for family and extended family. She was known for cooking a pot of peas and rice and delicious red rice. She was a jack of all trades, because she was also known by many to have pierced ears, making garments and giving a great press and curl! The great bonds that she made with neighbors and friends have lasted her entire lifetime.

She leaves to mourn her passing; three children, Detra C. Royal-Hill, Patricia G. Royal, Charles S. Royal Jr. Son in law Freddie Hill Jr. and daughter in law, Joy Royal. Siblings, John H. Russell Jr., Phoebe McPherson and Stanley Russell who preceded her in death, Brothers: Reginald Russell and Emmett M. Russell, Sisters: Carolyn Russell-Griffith and Kay A. Russell, Sisters-in-law: Mildred Shine, Juanita Russell, Elaine Russell and Yvonne Steele, Brothers-in-law: Roy Bennett and Larry Bennett, five Grandchildren: Ronnie, Avia, Brendan, Julian III and Skylar, eleven great-grandchildren: Qwinsean, Deja, Justin, Cheyanne, Alexis, Javon, Tyrone, Tiana, Omar, Nyima and Patricia, six great great-grandchildren: Dream, D'Mori, Ganelle, Gizelle and Ty'la and a host of nieces, nephews and Godchildren.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family