

*Thy Good
and Faithful*

SERVANT.



Acknowledgements

The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, prayers, acts of kindness, gifts/donations, calls, messages, and words of encouragement shown to us during this time.

Entombment

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

11:00 AM

HOLMDEL CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

900 HOLMDEL RD.

HOLMDEL, NJ 07733



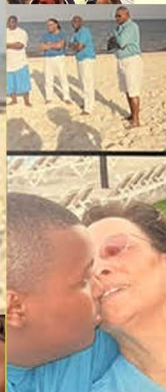
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Well Done...



Arrival

AUGUST 19, 1965

Departure

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

A portrait of a woman with dark curly hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top with a gold leaf-like border. The background is orange with white and gold curved lines. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

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IN THE BEGINNING:

Aretha Yvette Sconiers, affectionately known as “Ree,” was born on August 19th, 1965, in Bayonne, New Jersey to our Late Pastor Embria W. Sconiers and Evangelist Dorothy R. Sconiers. As God saw fit, on Sept. 12th, 2024, she passed away peacefully at home. Ree was the middle child, and most “favored” among all her siblings! (Yes, we can admit that now!). (Daryl, the “Hilarious One,” Venecia, the “The Handler In-Chief One,” and Deirdre the No Nonsense One!) She was “extremely close” to her family and enjoyed spending time together with them.

OH HAPPY DAY:

Aretha was a life-long member of The Cotton Temple Church of God in Christ. (Formerly known as Gospel Tabernacle under the leadership of the Late Bishop C.H. Cotton.

She accepted Jesus Christ at a young age and loved the Lord with all her heart. Under the leadership of her dad, the Late Pastor Embria W. Sconiers her spiritual journey began to flourish. She served the church faithfully in numerous capacities including; Asst. Financial Administrator, Union Gospel Chorus Vice President, YWCC Vice President, YPWW Teacher, Hospitality Member, Family & Friends Day Coordinator,

Praise & Worship Team, Drama Team, Program Coordinator (Weekly Sunday Bulletins), Armor Bearer Member, Jurisdictional Administrative Worker and much more behind the scenes! (Whew! People may work from Sun to Sun but a PK’s job was never done!)

EDUCATION WAS MANDATORY:

Our Late Pastor Embria W. Sconiers and Evangelist Dorothy Sconiers had three main “House Rules” at the age of 18. You must VOTE, WORK and GET AN EDUCATION. This was NON-NEGOTIABLE! Aretha graduated from Neptune Senior High School in Neptune, NJ. She graduated from Brookdale Community College then continued to Kean University earning a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Business Management. Inspired by her “Big Sister, Vee,” she was determined to go to the next level; earning a Master’s of Arts Degree in Special Education from New Jersey City University. She studied Theology and earned a Degree at the Charles Harrison Mason Bible Institute under the direction of (Doctors) Dean Sara Brown, and Dean Frances Billups. During this time, she made life-long relationships with many fellow believers of the Gospel.

WORK WHILE IT'S DAY!

Ree worked in various positions throughout her life. She started as a Cashier at Shoprite... and she was GOOD! (She informed the customers when the Chitterlings “mistakenly” went on sale at the wrong price!! Folks came from everywhere, to get their portion!) (Lol! Yes, true story! Her Dad even got 7 packs!) Additionally, she worked at CitiBank... and again, she was GOOD! (She informed customers, “You are three months behind on your bill... “It’s Time To Pay Up”!) AND.... she worked at New Jersey Blue Cross Blue Shield (Care Advantage).... and she was GOOD! (She helped soooo many people with their health CARE!)

Her most rewarding profession of all began in 2003, as a Teacher of the Perth Amboy Board of Education. She absolutely loved teaching and working with her 5th grade students. (Well, most days!!) She enjoyed and shared a special bond with all of her colleagues. She was deeply loved, admired and inspired by everyone who knew her. She was simply the most caring, kindest, considerate and compassionate person one could ever know!

WE ARE A FAMILY!

In her spare time, she absolutely loved hanging out with her family. She and her mom would often sneak off, have breakfast, go shopping; then have the nerve to send pictures back to the other siblings of their fun excursions! She loved to play games including Scattergories, Taboo and Scrabble! You name it, she could either play it or learn it fast! Many don’t know that Ree was extremely competitive. She would beat everyone she played. NO ONE dared to challenge or trust the Dynamic Duo “REE & DEE” to any game, especially, CHARADES. Because, these two didn’t need words to communicate! They knew one another just that well!!!

She adored her Big Bro Daryl! He was her “Boo and she was his! She always said, “There’s NO BETTER BROTHER than Daryl! They would stay up late and talk for hours about everything and anything!

Ree was a gentle soul but on some occasions where she may have been “a little too gentle,” she could always depend on her “Big Sis, The Handler-In Chief” to straighten the matter out! And she did just that!

HER CHARACTER:

She was a kind and gentle spirit. Like the time when she spent the extra money and bought the homemade cookies the kids baked when no else would.

She believed in doing what was right, even when it wasn’t popular! Like the time someone asked her to pray for them, only for them to have the nerve to use profanity directly after the prayer. Aretha stood up for Christ, and didn’t TOLERATE IT!



HER LEGACY OF LOVE:

She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and unforgettable memories.

She was preceded in death by her Father, Pastor Embria W. Sconiers, Paternal Grandparents, Elder Howard Sconiers and Mother Willie Esther Sconiers; Maternal Grandparents, Mr. Rayfield Carpenter and Mrs. Mrs. Hattie Bell Carpenter;

She leaves to cherish great memories, her loving mother, Evangelist Dorothy Sconiers, three siblings, Embria Daryl Sconiers, Venecia Alston (Robert), and Deirdre Black (Stanley), one nephew Braxton, A Brother from another Mother, Gary Moore, A sister from another Mister, Natasha Moore, and extra special nephews, Raphael Moore, Mateo Moore and Treveil Thomas. Special Cousins, Donnie Sconiers, Donny Daniels, Always LOVE "The Moore Boys: Gerald, Martin & Fred," Mike Crittenden, Mark Henderson, David and Calvin Carpenter; Juan Carpenter, Janice Curtis, Jackie Crittenden, Cindy Sconiers, "The Sconiers Cousins 1st and 2nd generation," "The Henderson Ladies," Channy, Cat, Chrissy and Tito. Amazing Aunts and Uncles, Pearl Moore, Robert Carpenter (Helen), Mary Gandy, Adelaide Britt (William), Lucinda Carpenter; Armie Perry (Ben), Maxine White (John), Patricia Sconiers, Randolph Sconiers (Regina), and Brenda Wilburn (Herman). Long time friend, Barbara Thompson, Two Godsons: Therran Thompson and Kahlil Moore, The Grits - Maxine Rogers, Artrese Lyles, and a friend to the end, Jolandra Thomas. Many more Cousins, Friends, Colleagues, Pastor & First Lady Moody, (Prayer Warriors, Evang. Mincey, Evang. Hargrave, Evang. Burgess, Evang. Rose Williams, Evang. Clark, Mom Graham, Finance Sisters Harriett Singleton & Karen Henry and the entire Cotton Temple Church Family!



Order OF SERVICE

Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 11:00 AM
Cotton Temple COGIC
383 Bergen Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Pastor Mario Moody, Sr., Officiant
Pastor Nathan Gainer, Presiding

Officiant

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Old Testament: Psalms 23

New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30

Musical Selection

Min. Terrell Hargrave
Deacon William Moore
Cotton Temple Choir

Reflections

MINISTERIAL STAFF IN CHARGE

Evangelist - Pricilla Mincey
Evangelist – Harriet Singleton
The Clergy

THE FAMILY

Aunts/Uncles -Mary Gandy
Cousins - Donny Daniels

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Reflections from the Siblings

Cotton Temple Choir
Charlotte Brown
Daryl, Venecia and Deirdre

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Sermonic Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Cotton Temple Choir
Pastor Mario Moody, Sr.

Tributes

Boo,
YOU ARE FOREVER IN MY HEART. LOVE YOU ALWAYS,

Daryl

REE,
I WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU WHEN I'M SHOPPING AND GOING ON RIDES AND VACATIONS.
BOB WILL MISS THE FUNNY JOKES; BRAX IS GOING TO MISS THE HUGS AND KISSES YOU SO
WONDERFULLY GAVE.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

Bob, Venecia and Brax

REE,
YOU ARE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS! I WILL NEVER FORGET OUR "LATE NIGHT"
TALKS, GAMES AND ALL THE FUN STUFF WE DID TOGETHER! STAN WILL NEVER FORGET ALL
THE FUNNY JOKES AND STORIES YOU TWO SHARED TOGETHER.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN...

LOVE YOU FOREVER,

Stan and Dee

REE,
I'M GOING TO MISS OUR SNEAKING OUT TO BREAKFAST AND THE "DOLLAR STORE"....
MAKING THE OTHER ONES JEALUSSSSS! OH, HOW I'M GOING TO MISS MY SWEET BABY!
LOVE YOU ALWAYS,

Mommy



