



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

BEATRICE A. EVERSLEY

SEPTEMBER 13, 1916 - OCTOBER 3, 2018



FINAL THOUGHT

"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 2018

1:00 - 4:00 PM

THE JOHNSON FAMILY LIFE CENTER

@ ST. ALBANS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

172-17 LINDEN BLVD

ST. ALBANS, NY 11434

HER JOURNEY

Beatrice Eversley was born Beatrice Agnes Syphax on September 13, 1916 in East New York, Brooklyn to a family with roots in Northern Virginia; Falmouth, Jamaica West Indies; and the Shinnecock Indian Nation of eastern Suffolk County NY. She was the second of seven children born to John Syphax and Beatrice Stewart. Beatrice attended public schools and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Beatrice was the first college graduate in her family, earning a bachelor's degree in 1939 from Hunter College, with a major in German and minor in Spanish. She later earned a Masters in Early Childhood Education from St. Johns University. Beatrice married Frederick W. Eversley, Jr. (born in Christ Church, Barbados) who she had known since childhood in East New York. Beatrice was the loving mother to one daughter, Rani Beatrice, and three sons, Frederick John, Thomas William and Donald Chester, all university-educated professionals. Beatrice and her family bought a home in St. Albans, Queens in 1958 and she lived there for the remainder of her life. Beatrice was known for her piercing intellect, strong opinions and sharp mind, she read the New York Times cover to cover every day right up to the last week of her life. Beatrice was life-long activist for the advancement of Black America, civil rights, women's rights, social justice and the anti-Vietnam War effort. She was a member of the NAACP, the Urban League, the pro-integration Queens Association, the National Organization for Women, Women's Strike for Peace, Wisterians Black Alumni of Hunter College, Friends of St. Albans Library and many other endeavors. Beatrice was a teacher in the New York City Public School system, particularly at P.S. 33 in Bellerose, Queens. Beatrice leaves behind a sister, Frances, and brother, Vincent, four children, four grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

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Welcome

Reflections

Thoughts of Family & Friends

Let's Eat

Farewell & Best Wishes

Jazz Interludes by Ed Jackson & Co.



The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the expressions of love and support during our time of bereavement. In lieu of flowers or other gestures, the family requests that a donation be made in Beatrice Eversley's name to:

Scholarship and Welfare Fund of the Alumni of Hunter College
695 Park Avenue, Room 1314E
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