



Mrs. Erma Lee Cook

November 23, 1938 - February 2, 2016

Reflections Of Life:

Erma Lee Richards Cook was born on November 23, 1938 in Urbana, Arkansas to the union of Rosie Mae Taylor Richards and Gussie Richards. She was the third of five children born to this union. Her parents, two sisters, Ruby Benn and Gussie Furlow; two brothers J.C. Richards and Wallace Martin all preceded her in death.

Erma attended schools in Urbana and Strong, Arkansas. She graduated from Gardner High in Strong, Arkansas.

Erma was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Thomas Cook on June 1, 1956. This union was blessed with three wonderful children; Vickie Denise, Thomas Neal, and Steven Michael. They all preceded Erma in death. One grandson, Thomas Neal Cook, Jr., preceded her in death. Erma continued on her life's journey with Matthew Fenderson, her life companion of over 30 years. Erma went to her eternal rest on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Henry Ford Hospital.

Erma was a vibrant person who delighted in making others happy. She was always concerned about the needs of others. You were always welcome and well-fed in her home. Erma had a compassionate spirit. She nurtured and cared for her niece, Tangela Furlow who lived with her for nearly two decades. She certainly fulfilled the scripture about entertaining angels.

Erma worked for the Standard Tube Steel Company for 3 years. She also worked for Toll & Henson and Wayne State University.

Erma had a deep passion for fashion. She loved her tall heels, fancy hats, fabulous wigs, designers clothing, and purses. You could also find the latest fingernail polish and lipstick colors among her possessions. She liked exquisite colognes and sunglasses, too.

Erma's spiritual journey took her from Pleasant Grove Church of God and St. James A.M.E. Church in Urbana, Arkansas to Goodwill Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. She sang in the choir and participated in various church activities until her health declined.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Erma Lee Cook*

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