

## *She is Gone*

*You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back or you can  
open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full  
of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can  
be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and only that she is gone, or you can cherish  
her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what mama would have wanted, smile,  
open your eyes, love and go on.*

*In my fathers house are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also  
and whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. John 14:2-4 KJV*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **EDNA MARIE STEWART** would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy. Your concerns, thoughts, and love have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.



## *Pallbearers*

DeAndre Stewart   JaChaun Moore  
Mario Pittman   Micheal Hurd  
Thaddeus Landry   Terrance Stewart



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# CELEBRATION *of Life*



*"Reedy"*

*Edna Marie Stewart*

**Sunrise** AUGUST 28, 1956   **Sunset** MARCH 6, 2020

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**  
Visitation 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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## Life Reflections

**EDNA MARIE STEWART (AKA "REEDY")** was born on August 28, 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late James Stewart and Naomi Louis Syas-Stewart. She was the fifth child of six children. Two siblings preceded her in death, Larry Stewart and Faye Stewart-Joiner.

In September 1978, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Marlon Rice. To this union was born one child, LaChanda NeKesha Rice. She later joined with life partner, Merdis Pittman, for 30 years, to whom DeAndre DeAngelo Stewart and Mario Lee Pittman, were born during their journey together. Her three children were the loves of her life.

She was educated in the St. Louis Public School Systems and later obtained her GED and furthered her education. **Edna** professed her faith in the Lord, as she was baptized at Faith United Assembly Church in St. Louis, Missouri. **Edna** later obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Argosy College. She then was baptized a second time as she grew closer to Christ and was called as a prayer warrior who loved the Lord.

**Edna** was a determined woman; she was strong and ambitious. She overcame many obstacles and was a true warrior at heart. **Edna** always expressed her love for God. In her private time, she kept a journal about scriptures, prayers, and inspirations, directly to God. Her passions were to help empower women and those with mental health illnesses. All she talked about was how she wanted to be used by God and for people to hear her testimony of victory. If you knew **Edna**, you knew her smile was contagious and infectious. She loved people and would do anything for anyone. Her spirit was kind, loving, gentle and free-hearted. She was a comedian who cracked jokes and could make anyone laugh. She was the life of the party. **Edna** traveled and lived in Los Angeles, California and Atlanta, Georgia for the last fourteen years of her life. For the past seven years, **Edna** was a dedicated Field Care Consultant at Behavior Health Link, which she loved. She devoted her time to her job even when she was sick, she still expressed love and care to her clients. As **Edna's** health began to change, she returned to her hometown in St. Louis, Missouri so that she could be close to her family and loved ones. She had inspirations to start her own business and write a book about her life's journey from her hometown.

**Edna** spent the last seven months of her life happy to be back home and surrounded by her family and long time friends. She was very compassionate and leaves behind her never ending love for her children and grandchildren, siblings and family. **Edna** was inspired by her children to keep reaching and obtaining higher no matter what. She held each of her children very dear and near to her heart. Their bond and relationship was inseparable. **Edna** fell in love with her grandchildren and great granddaughter, they brought her so much love and joy. She enjoyed spending time with her sisters, Sandra, Elizabeth, and Rene'. They traveled and shopped as they enjoyed sister's love.

**Edna "Reedy" Marie Stewart** answered her call from her heavenly Father. She made her peaceful transition to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, March 6, 2020. She was surrounded by love and her family as she made her peaceful transition.

She leaves to cherish her memories one daughter, LaChanda Rice; two sons, DeAndre Stewart and Mario Pittman; six grandchildren, Rionna Marche James, JaChaun Marlon Moore, Ryiah Nache Hollins, Marley Lamont Pittman, Rhiland Macario Pittman, and Hannah Marie Stewart; one great granddaughter, Myicah LaRyah Taylor; mother, Naomi Louise Syas-Stewart; four sisters, Sandra Ervin, Elizabeth (Eddie) Carter of Atlanta, Georgia, Norma Jean Stewart, and Sharon Stewart; three brothers, Michael Stewart, Tony (Syndey) Moore, and Mark Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She also leaves her best friend with whom she shared many memories with for over 40 years, Robin-Rene' Thomas and God-daughter, Rogenna Thomas, whom she also loved.

## Order of Service

Prelude

Declaration of Praise

Elder Gwen Covington

Scripture

Elder Gwen Covington

Prayer

Deborah Davis

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement  
and Condolences

Musical Selection

Special Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Family Tribute

LaChanda Rice

Life Reflections (Read silently, soft music)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Tyrone Roberson

Parting View

Baucom's Directors

Benediction

Pastor Tyrone Roberson

## Interment

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