



Eleanor Margaret Reed (White)

October 28, 1923 - September 20, 2017

Eleanor M. Reed departed her earthly life at the age of 93 on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at Beebe Medical Center, Lewes, Delaware surrounded by her family where she granted her angel wings. Eleanor M. Reed, the second of 12 children born on October 28, 1923 to the late Abraham White and Marguerite (Johnson) White. She was raised in Pinetown where she resided until her most recent and brief stay at Renaissance Healthcare Center, Millsboro, Delaware.

She attended Drawbridge Elementary School in Coolspring, Delaware and furthered her education at Howard High School in Wilmington, Delaware.

Eleanor was joined in Holy Matrimony to John Maker and to this union were added two children, Ann Maker and John Maker, Jr. In 1973 she united in Holy Matrimony to Arthur Reed.

Eleanor did domestic work for the Carpenter and Draper families in Rehoboth Beach until her retirement.

She was an active member of Burton Chapel AME Church serving diligently as a Church School teacher and was always prepared for her class. Her early morning routine was reading and studying her devotions before starting her day. She was, also, a member of the Hazel F. Harmon Missionary Society, Senior Choir and head of the Stewardess Board. Serving her positions well,

her heart and soul was preparing the pulpit and altar for the Service of Holy Communion.

Utilizing her gift of wisdom, faith and love, she had a unique ability to reach people in a deep and positive way and getting her message across without being offensive.

Eleanor truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting, snacking and sharing a cup of coffee and breakfast with her sisters, other relatives and friends before they went off to work. She often prepared a breakfast meal of fish and pancakes for her husband. Her culinary skills included a delicious meal of chicken and dumplings. She enjoyed family gatherings, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, outings with her sisters and, most especially, Saturday morning yard sales. She liked to travel.

“Grand mom”, as she was affectionately known, loved and adored her family. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She shared herself with family freely and continuously. Her grandchildren were the love of her life. The neighborhood and community children called her “Aunt Eleanor”. She was the staple and the rock of her family and the community. She was instrumental in raising her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and taught them to read a Bible verse every morning. She often attended her grandchildren’s athletic events. She made many sacrifices for her family while often neglecting her own needs.

Eleanor loved sports, horse racing, basketball and football. She was a Philadelphia Eagles fan.

We are especially grateful for the love and care shown to our grandmother from her sisters who were faithfully by her side every day whether at her home, hospital or rehab.

She was predeceased by her husband and children; three brothers, William, Warren and Herman White; and four sisters, Naomi Perry, Bernice Miller, Anna Sylvia White, and Frances Hunter.

Her beautiful life will be forever cherished in the lives of her three sisters, Grace Thomas, Ruth Turner, and Thelma White, all of Lewes, DE; two grandsons that she raised, Steven (Janet) Maker, Harbeson, DE; Anthony (Angela) Taylor, Lewes, DE; one daughter in-law, Ruth Maker, Lewes, DE; a special granddaughter, Amy Collins, Seaford, DE; grandchildren that she raised, Sherry Henry, Georgetown, DE; Trudy (George Miller) Maker, Millsboro, DE; Iona (Becky) Maker, Lewes, DE; and Curtis Maker, Lewes, DE; two great-grandchildren that she raised, Patricia and David Maker; 27 great-grandchildren; 28 great great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

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“ I would like to offer my personal condolences to your family. I hope that you will be able find strength in Gods promise at Revelation 21:4 that soon: he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. You are in my prayers.

JoyceA - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM