



## Ernestine Archer

February 20, 1942 - September 27, 2019

Ernestine Archer departed this life on Friday September 27, 2019, surrounded by family friends at Bayhealth Medical Center.

Ernestine was born on February 20, 1942, in Sandersville, Georgia, to the late Fred and Eudell Archer. Ernestine started high school in Bridgeton, New Jersey, and later moved to Middletown, Delaware, where she attended and graduated from Louis L. Redding High School. After graduating, she moved to Brooklyn, New York, to find work, and lived with her sister, Elvenia Cuyler.

Ernestine returned to Delaware, to plant her roots, in 1968. A mother of 2, Ernestine then joined the Army Reserves. She began as a reservist, then joined the Army National Guard. After a stellar 26 year career with the US Army, SSgt. Archer retired. She continued working for the State of Delaware and later retired from her position as a cook at Delaware Home & Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna, Delaware.

Losing her parents at a very young age sparked Ernestine's interest in social work. In 1986, Ernestine decided to become a Foster Parent. She fostered dozens of children over the years, until she finally retired from that as well, at the age of 72.

Ernestine loved to go to church and serve God. She was a member of

Pentecostal Family Church in Dover. She was also an avid reader. She loved court television shows. In her retirement, Ernestine still worked as a landlord over her many properties in Delaware, as well as an assistant at her daughter's daycare.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Eudell Archer; brothers, Fred and William Archer; her sister who raised her, Callie Mae Wilson; and daughter, Lettia Elaine.

Ernestine is survived by her children, Cheryl Fuller (Herman) and Jeffrey Bragdon; one sister, Elvenia Cuyler of Augusta, Georgia; grandchildren, LaVarr Archer, Deandra Abrams, Jeffrey Curtis, Loren Fuller and Jihad, Jada, and Jaden Bragdon; 14 great grandchildren; a godchild, Calvin Tribbitt; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Throughout her travels, Ernestine made many friends and associates who will greatly miss her.

# Tribute Wall

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“ OUR PRAYERS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE 315TH SUPPLY & SERVICE CO. DS. ARMY RESERVES GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR COMRADE. SHE WAS AN AMAZING INSPIRATION AND A BEACON OF LIGHT AND HOPE TO US ALL WHO SERVED WITH HER.

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**Geraldine Walker Caraballo** - October 07, 2019 at 11:39 PM

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“ From Evelyn Denson and Bernard Denson, we will miss our beloved friend, so many years we shared, so many memories,She was in the Army National Guard with me, she always had time for you. we loved her but God loved her best

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**BERNARD M M DENSON** - October 04, 2019 at 03:33 PM