



Josephine Williams Morina

September 24, 1933 - June 10, 2017

Josephine “Jean” Williams Morina was born during the Great Depression on September 24, 1933 in Lynchburg, Virginia, the youngest of ten children to Hyter “Dick” Williams and Carrie “Tear”Williams. Josephine moved to Georgetown, Washington, DC as a kid with her parents.

A vibrant, natural redhead, Jean is most remembered for being a person of service, having abundant energy and a gregarious nature.

During the March on Washington in August 1963, wanting to support and contribute to this most important Civil Rights cause, Jean personally prepared hundreds of sandwiches and deployed her son Ernest, sister Caroline and nephew Benjamin Jr. to the Mall to distribute the sandwiches to the marchers.

Jean loved to dance, read, and took great pride in her fashion choices. In addition to being a master at solving puzzles of all sorts, she was a card shark and enjoyed bragging when she “beat you good”.

Jean was an active advocate in the community for the homeless or anyone who needed a little extra comfort or help. Her heart, home and arms were always open to those in need. Not only did she love people, but animals as well. Jean welcomed into her home birds, turtles, dogs of all breeds and the occasional gerbil.

She enjoyed her career as an administrative assistant in the District of Columbia Public School System. Josephine was a stickler at grammar, had a command of the English language and was an excellent proofreader. Always one to speak her mind; Jean did so in a manner that caused you to think twice about a decision.

Josephine's loving nature was highlighted by her attention to youth needing guidance. After retiring from DCPS she became a foster mother. She generously shared her wisdom as she opened her heart and home to those she sought to help. She was delighted by the fact that one of her foster sons, Anthony, is a practicing minister.

Jean took great pride in being a grandmother and dearly loved all of her grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren Sherika, Genevieve, Champ, Domonique, Scottie, Nikkia, Paul, Jr., Carri and Ernest Jr. They have great memories of her home as a truly safe haven where favorite foods were stocked for afterschool days. The grandchildren also enjoyed traveling to her vacation home in Virginia, spending the night and hearing embarrassing stories about their parents.

Jean is predeceased by her parents: Hyter "Dick" Williams and Carrie "Tear" Williams; sisters: Caroline Taylor, Eloise Day, Virgie LaCour; brothers: Hyter A. Williams, Edward Gibson, Benjamin Day, Willis Day, Wayne Day; son: Paul Cowan, Sr. and; grandson Eric. Her marriages to Ernest Kelton Cowan and Kenneth Morina ended in divorce.

Jean leaves to mourn, honor and celebrate her life three children: Ernest "Reds" Cowan, Sr. (Artis) Gregory "Fats" Cowan (Carolyn), and Vera "Koolaid" Cowan.

Cemetery Details

National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 772-0900
http://www.nationalharmony.com/home/contact_us.html

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
1500 9th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 232-4288

Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sidney Douglas, Atlanta purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Josephine Williams Morina.*



Sidney Douglas, Atlanta - June 20, 2017 at 07:17 AM

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“ *To the family of Josephine Morina, my you hearts be soften at this time with the knowledge of love and joy she brought to everyone she knew. I love her every conversation and to know she is now at peace brings me great joy, She is now asleep and resting in the heavens preparing a place for us to come home to.*

Sidney Douglas

Sidney Douglas - June 17, 2017 at 10:16 AM