

On September 7th, 2011 Eugenia Reeder (Jean) made the transition to eternal life. Jean as she was fondly known was born to the late Ashbia K.C. Lark and Hattie Pressley Lark on August 8, 1942 in Ninety Six, South Carolina.

In her youth, Jean loved riding on the tractor and cutting wood with her dad and brothers and just about all other tomboy activities. Although she was very close to all her immediate family members, she was particularly fond of her dad and wanted to marry a man just like him. Perhaps because she favored him so much and even acted like him. Being the tomboy that she was, she was much closer to her brothers especially the one that was closest to her in age (Ashbia Lark). Even as early as childhood Jean exhibited qualities of being a very neat and orderly person. When it came to keeping her home, she was probably the neatest and cleanest person you would have ever met. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was baptized at the family church, Pine Pleasant Baptist Church in Ninety Six, South Carolina.

Jean graduated Edgewood High School at the age of 17, where she enjoyed basketball and excelled in all her academics. She became best friends with Mary Ella whom she remained in contact with throughout her life. While in High School she met Orlanders Reeder of Newberry, South Carolina, whom she later married after relocating to Manhattan, NY. The two were united in marriage in NY and then moved to Plainfield, NJ in 1961 to be closer to her husband's family. To this union two children were born India Nelson of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Yolanda Reeder of Montclair, New Jersey.

Jean was employed for 10 years at CR Bard in Murray Hill, New Jersey and 22 years for Smithkline Beechum Laboratories where she later retired from in 2004. She befriended many friends during her years employed in the pharmaceutical industry, most of which she was still friends with until the end.

As an adult, Jean was never shy to speak her mind and was extremely out-spoken. She prized herself on putting people in their places and being in charge of keeping all things in order. She was quite the family oriented person and loved family functions, holidays, cook-outs, spending time with her family and just having fun. As she matured into retirement, she loved visiting her home in South Carolina where most of her siblings still reside. She would make several trips during the year and especially on holidays.

In Summary, Jean was quite the character she had a very strong personality and was very independent. Although she was a single mom, she provided very well for her children and was a great mother. Her rough exterior was just a disguise for her meek and humble heart. She loved all of her family very deeply and her sometimes harsh words and ways were just her way of showing her true love.

Those left to cherish her memory and celebrate her life include: her two daughters, India (John) Nelson, Yolanda Reeder, two grandsons, Ahlijuwon Williams and Jermaine Reeder, four sisters Anna (Nilem) Reeder, Janie Alice (Arsko) Raines, Willie Bell (Leroy) Collins, Hattie Mae Jackson, two brothers, Ashbia Lark, George Lark and a host of nieces and nephews: Anthony Reeder, Cynthia Reeder, Robin Reeder, Gary Reeder, Marcus Raines, Derrick Raines, Crystal Lark-McGrath, Ki'Shone Lark, Reggie Jackson, Bryant Jackson, Keisha Lark, Ashbia Lark III, Whitney Collins, Rodney Collins, Regina Reeder, Kindra Reeder, Cheryl Reeder, Joyce Johnson, Shalise Reeder and other loving relatives and friends.



A Mother's Afterglow

Mommy the memories of you
Are happy ones,
Leaving an afterglow
Of smiles although life here on earth
Is done.

Mom rest peacefully with
The father and son,
But inside both us
"Your Daughters"

Your spirit will forever live on
Like an echo

Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days
Our tears may flow like a stream as we

Grieve for you today
But they will dry before the sun
Of happy memories that you've left
Deep down inside
"Your Daughters"

Pumpkin & Peaches