



Ernestine Pryor

February 17, 1925 - April 18, 2021

REMEMBERED WITH LOVE Ernestine A. Pryor Ernestine was the only child of Richard and Laura Johnson. She was born on February 17, 1925 in Washington, DC and grew up in Georgetown. At that time Georgetown was an iconic African American community filled with hard working black folks who had deep pride in their neighborhood. Her Georgetown church home was Alexander Memorial Baptist Church. Ernestine attended DC public schools, obtained a Bachelor's degree and was employed by the District of Columbia government. On September 8, 1946, Ernestine married Robert Pryor, another Georgetown resident. From their union, two children were born, Robert Jr. and Gaila. Ernestine and Robert worked hard to give their children every advantage possible and raised their family in Prince George's County, Maryland. In adulthood Robert Jr. worked for the State Department in Washington, DC and Gaila was employed by the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis, Maryland. Ernestine and Robert were extremely proud of their children and their many accomplishments. After retiring Ernestine and Robert moved to West Palm Beach, Florida and made the sunshine state their home. Ernestine was a woman with many skills. She was a seamstress, a tailor and she could knit, crochet and needle point. She just had a knack for using her hands to make beautiful things. Ernestine was also quite adventurous. In her later years, she travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa, and visited many of the Caribbean and Hawaiian islands. Ernestine hiked in the Swiss Alps and climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge in Australia. On many of

these excursions she traveled alone, but was quick to make friends with other tour participants. In addition, she was a champion bowler, exercised regularly, played shuffle board and participated in sewing bee groups. Upon turning 90, Ernestine treated herself to a sky diving trip and loved every minute of the flight. Needless to say, Ernestine was a very active and independent lady who lived life to the fullest and never let any grass grow under her feet. She lived alone and was driving up until she passed. She transitioned peacefully on Sunday April 18, 2021. Ernestine's husband and children preceded her in death. She is survived by four loving grandchildren, Tonya Pryor, Robert Pryor III (Sika), Tammy Pryor; and Dana Pryor; eight great grandchildren, Jeremy, Robert IV, Jaden, Dejah, Destiny, Delon, King and Yancy; two nieces Janice Scarborough and Maxine Rice (Ronald); and one nephew, Edward Pryor. Ernestine valued friendship and will be missed by many friends, among them Reginald Carter, Yvonne Colston, Yvonne Downtin, Arthur Dyer, Edith Dyer, Eloise Foster, Frank LaFountain, Pamela Marshall, Gail McClain and Bernard and Hyacinth Quashie. Ernestine's life epitomizes the famous Sinatra song, MY WAY. Ernestine definitely DID IT HER WAY. May she rest in peace. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions be made to the Gaila M. Pryor Memorial Scholarship Fund at Howard University, Division of Development and Alumni Relations, 1851 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.