

Pallbearers:

Rakim Mendes, Tyrone Young, Clayton Rowell III,
Danny Burton, Cordell Shabazz, and Master Adams Jr.

Acknowledgements:

The Family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown through your prayers, cards, and condolences given during our hour of bereavement.

We are comforted knowing that you care.

Funeral Arrangement Entrusted to:

Riley Funeral Home
171 Humboldt Ave. Dorchester, MA 02121
(617) 427-5625

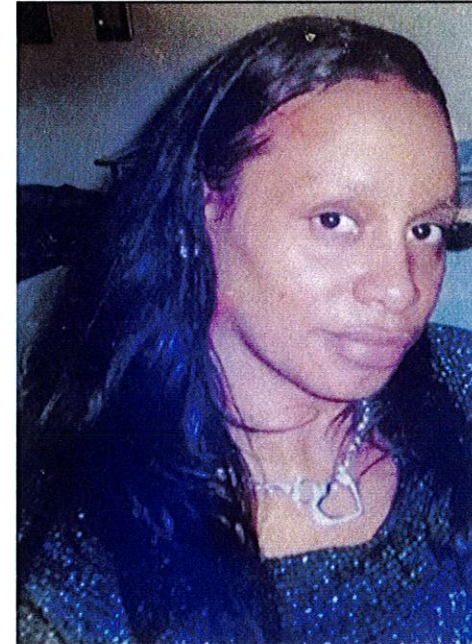
Internment:

Fairview Cemetery
45 Fairview Ave. Hyde Park, MA 02136

Repass:

Hiram Grand Lodge
98 Talbot Ave. Dorchester, MA 02124
2-6 PM

IN *Loving Memory*
OF



Eleanor "Ellie" Mendes
November 3, 1969 - June 25, 2021

Wednesday, June 30, 2021
Wake: 10 AM | Service 11 AM
Greater Love Tabernacle Church
101 Nightingale St. Dorchester, MA 02124

Eleanor “Ellie” “Smurf” Mendes was born on November 3rd, 1969 to Shirley Mendes. She came into the world a force to be reckoned with. Small, but mighty no one dare to underestimate her. From a young age Ellie was warm hearted and hard working. She graduated from English High School and The Bryman Institute. She was a Medical Assistant for several years until she retired as a Residential Counselor at Project Family, a shelter for homeless teenage mothers in Roxbury. Whenever around Ellie she was sure to make you laugh or teach you a lesson. Ellie’s heart brought her to take in those that needed her most. Many can say she took them in during their time of need. As a devoted Christian she tried to never miss church on Sunday. She will deeply and truly be missed.

Her greatest accomplishments in life were her beautiful children. To know Ellie is to know she would go to the end of the earth and back for them. She was a loving mother to Keniesha Mendes, Kenaya Mendes, Kenneth “Kenny” Rowell, Jr., Shakeema Mendes and Jacori Jones.

The lights of her life were her grandchildren, Nacari Brown, Harlem Nelson, Gia Mendes-Jesurum, Kaylee Rowell, Kennedy Rowell, and Jai Jones.

Ellie was adored as the baby sister by her siblings, Maria “Mary” Burton, Bernice Mendes, Brenda Mendes, Annette Mendes, Catherine Mendes and Carlton Mendes. She drove them crazy, but they always showed up and came running for her.

Forever proud of all her nieces, nephews, and cousins, Ellie looked out for all of them as if they were her own.

Smurf took many trips around the sun with her sister-friends Tanya, Elaine, Erica, Shauna, Puddin’, and Tanaysha.

Ellie was called back home to God on June 25th, 2021. We know she is happily reunited with her mother Shirley, beloved son Kenny and sisters Bernice and Catherine.

*“Don’t cry for me, be strong B*****” – Ellie*

Order of Service

Processional – *Pastor William E. Dickerson, II*

Invocation – *Pastor William E. Dickerson, II*

Opening Prayer – *Pastor Sybil Dunwoody*

Scripture Reading –

Old Testament: Psalms 23 | New Testament: John 14: 1-7

Music Selection

Remarks – *Family & Friends*

Reading of the Obituary – *Terara Tyler*

Song - *Jacori Jones*

Eulogy – *Pastor Sybil Dunwoody*

Recessional

Internment – *Fairview Cemetery*

Repass – *Hiram Grand Lodge*

For My Mother

If I could tell her one more thing,
I would tell her how much I love her
My soul is aching, but I find comfort and peace
Knowing you're with my brother
We argued, fussed, and fought like sisters
But you always held it down as my mother
I speak for my sisters and me when I say
Cherish your Mom because you'll never get another.

- *Niesh*

"I won't forget you. Imma miss you till the day that I'm through.
So, keep praying for me and I'll keep praying for you.
It's been a while, but I smile cause there's hope for me.
No matter how far you are, you're still close to me."

- *Kenny*

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of
good put together that overwhelm the world."- *Desmond Tutu*

Ma, my heart is broken but as I write this, I can't help but smile at
all the memories we shared. From you taking us to church every
Sunday, bringing us to every amusement park and kid-friendly
place, putting us in sports, making us practice our dance steps over
& over for the talent shows, being there for every school field trip,
keeping us dressed fly, being the "hood" mother to all our friends
but most importantly just always being there for us and everybody
else. I'm even going to miss you cussing us out. I'll never forget
all the laughs and conversations we had. I could write a book about
how strong you have been and made all of us! Life is going to be
so hard without you but we're going to be strong for you!
Love you forever and a day! **Rest Peacefully, Nay**

