



## Izena Reed

September 22, 1952 - December 29, 2018

“If God takes me today or tomorrow, I have lived a good life.” Izena Reed’s infamous words became a painful reality as she took her final rest on Saturday, December 29, 2018.

Izena, also known to everyone as “Ike,” was born on September 22, 1952, in Baltimore, MD, to the late James Ransome Reed and Sallie Ruffin. She was blessed to be raised by the late Fannie Mae Evans. Ike’s sister, Ellen Bonnie Campbell, preceded her in death.

Ike was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. She was later employed with Oak Crest Facility and retired after many years of dedicated, loyal service.

She was a loving, caring, and giving person. Her love for her family, friends and community was evident in her willingness to help in any way she was needed. She was the sole caregiver to her sister, Carolyn, for over fifteen years. Her dedication to Carolyn was a true testament of how much she cared for her family.

She was truly the rock and glue of her family and loved each of them. She wanted the best for everyone, especially for her grandchildren, and did not mind giving tough love. Her strength has been witnessed throughout her life. Many obstacles were placed in her path, but she overcame each one! That same strength will be remembered and carried on by all who loved her.

Ike was a true comedian. She could make anyone laugh, no matter the circumstance. Ike also loved watching old Westerns, with “Hopalong Cassidy”

as her favorite. Cooking was one of her favorite pastimes. Her famous turkey wings and sauerkraut were enjoyed by all!

Ike shared unique relationships with many. She also had a special bond with Stori and Samuel, her great-niece and -nephew, with whom she spent countless hours, and they shared a deep bond.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: two daughters, Bernadine and Ernestine Reed; ten grandchildren, Cassandra Reed, Charles Jacobs, Yasmina Reed, Shantee Jacobs, Tiara Reed, Jalisa Carter, Xavier Jacobs, Jamara Kemp-Clark, Alexis Jacobs, and Jereve Clark; eight great-grandchildren; seven siblings, James Reed, Marian Reed (Brenda), Carolyn Reed, Barbara Fuller, Elaine Riddick, Sabrina Johnson (Roderick), and Anthony Ruffin; two deeply devoted nieces, Tamie Askew and Lakisha Feaster; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
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## Family Hour

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Izena Reed*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My heart is extremely heavy at the moment because my big sister/ my protector is gone. My memories will forever be held close to my heart, never letting go of your vision in my mind. You were soo much of the glue that held things together. You always supported me and I truly had a shoulder to cry on. Now my tears will forever flow. Rest Well My Sweet One. You've earned your wings. Forever Loving You,  
Your Baby Sis,*

*Sabrina* ❤️ 🌹

**Sabrina Johnson** - January 03, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *To the Reed family  
Sorry for your loss, please accept our sincere condolences our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your hearts be comforted by the many promises in God's word the Bible; John 11:25 assures us of the resurrection. Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.*

*M. Hill*

**M. Hill** - December 31, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 31, 2018 at 04:36 PM