



**HAYES** - Esther "Kitty" was known for her vibrant personality and indomitable spirit. Her many accomplishments include teacher, supervisor, lobbyist, actor, vocalist and the very first black Ms. Senior America of New York State. We are sad to announce her passing on August 07, 2023 at the age of 95. She died peacefully in her sleep in Oklahoma City attended by loved ones. She had a full rich life and was widely loved and admired by both friends and family. She was born to Emmanuel and Ella Hicks in Beaver Falls, PA on January 30, 1928. After graduating high school in Camden, NJ she went on to attend Knoxville College for her Bachelors of Science, eventually achieving a Masters of Science degree in Educational Administration at Hofstra University. She taught in the Brentwood school district for 32 years and after retiring joined several theater, dance and choral groups. She also became a Golden Soror in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. After winning the title of Ms. Senior America of New York State she continued her association and love of that organization. She is survived by her son Donald Hayes II; son Craig Hayes; their spouses Sandra Kay Sharp-Hayes, Brigitte Daloin; grandchildren Donald Hayes III, Ginger Hickman; preceded in death by her sisters, Emma Hodge, Mary Grooms, and Miriam Galloway. Reposing Moloney's Funeral Home, 130 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, New York. Burial Tuesday, August 15 at Pinelawn Memorial Park. Visitation Monday, August 14, 2:00-4:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm. [www.moloneyfh.com](http://www.moloneyfh.com)