

In Loving Memory of



Laveda M. Hopkins

Sunrise
January 21, 1945

Sunset
October 25, 2013

Service

Saturday, November 2, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary



Laveda Mae Hopkins, affectionately known as “Vete/Vetea Mae”, passed away on October 25, 2013 at her daughter’s home after a courageous battle with Alzheimer and COPD.

Laveda was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 21, 1945, she later moved and was raised in Harlem, New York. She was the daughter of the late Buster and Mamie Howard. Vete was the third of eight siblings. Laveda attended the NYC Public School System. During which time she met her first love. From that union joy touched down the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Delores Hopkins, whom Vete always referred to “as her one and only”. Laveda enjoyed working at various Temp Agencies before finding a permanent position with the New York Telephone Company. She was later inspired to explore other employment opportunities that would continue to strengthen her interpersonal skills, which landed her a management position with I-Tel Corporation.

Laveda exhibited a warm, loving and caring personality with a smile that could soothe the spirit of the broken hearted. She could strike up a conversation with anyone and make them feel as if she’d known them for a lifetime. Her home, on many occasions provided shelter from the storm for those who needed refuge, which encouraged family and friends to share some of their deepest feelings. Laveda was also a generous woman. She gave to family, friends and strangers alike; assisting in anyway she could. There was no avenue she traveled that she wasn’t known. Vete met no strangers. She was no saint and her thoughts and opinions were sometimes misunderstood, however she was loved despite of her flaws. Vete wore many hats, but her most memorable hat was LOVE; an accessory she never left home without.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Mamie Howard, son-in-law, Donald Payden, sister, Diane Hopkins-Harleston and brother, James (Yard) Hopkins.

She is survived by: “her one and only” daughter, Kimberly Delores Hopkins; one grandson, Dominik Hopkins Payden; godson, Brett; four sisters, Jean, Van, Lena and Cheryl; one brother, Gregory; four brothers-in-law, Max, Robert, Mitchell and Leroy; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Latisha Deloatche

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Latisha Deloatche

Obituary

Remarks

2 Minutes Please

Selection

Bobby Harrison

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery

Butler, New Jersey

Laveda Last Request

Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right; to give the most I could, not less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.

I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due!

Please don't give me flowers, or talk in real hushed tones.

Don't be concerned about me now.

I'm well with God, I've made my home.

Don't talk about my illness, it's over and it's done.

Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones.

When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.

I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint.

Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.

In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, but also remember all the bad.

For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request.

Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left,

Thank God for my soul's resting,

Thank God for I've been blessed.

Thank God for all who loved me,

Praise God who loved me best.

Her One and Only's

Acknowledgement

Thank you relatives, friends, neighbors, so dear. This is only a tiny message, but believe us, it is sincere. It is written with you especially in our hearts and mind, for during the hours of our need you somehow found the time. That precious time for which there is so little, you offered without hesitation to bring comfort and moments of joy. During our most recent trial and tribulation.

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