

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved blouse with a small bow at the neckline. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft, pinkish-purple gradient with large, stylized orchid flowers in shades of pink and purple.

*Johnnie Mae Lambert*

Sunrise  
September 12, 1937

Sunset  
June 25, 2016

*Service*

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Johnnie Mae Lambert** was born on September 12, 1937 in Martin Co., North Carolina. She was the youngest of seven children born to the late John and Mary Howell.

Johnnie Mae graduated from East End High School in North Carolina. She then attended North Carolina A&T College before transferring to North Carolina State University. Shortly after attending North Carolina State, she decided to move to New York to live with her sister Rosa.

Johnnie Mae left New York and moved to Newark, NJ where she met the love of her life, Frank Lambert. They united in Holy Matrimony on June 28, 1968 and from this union, they had a daughter, Jacqueline (Jackie). Johnnie Mae also had a son, Felix (Hassan Shariff).

In 1984 the family decided to leave Newark and settle in Irvington, NJ. Johnnie Mae worked for the VA Hospital in East Orange before moving on to work at Home Life Insurance Company for thirty-five years before retiring in 2000.

Johnnie Mae always had a passion for shopping, watching sports and game shows. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, who loved spending time with her family. She had a special bond with all of her grandchildren and loved them dearly. They were all spoiled rotten by her everlasting affection. She also cherished the heart felt visits from her nieces and nephews when they would travel to New Jersey to see her.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, John D. Howell “JD” and Preston Howell “Tee”; her sisters, Lucy Howell Daniels, Rosa Howell Coffield, Maggie “Louise” Howell Cherry and one grandson, Josiah Wilson.

Her precious memories will be cherished by her husband, Frank Lambert; her daughter, Jacqueline McLeod; two sons-in-law, Aaron McLeod and Joseph Wilson; four grandchildren, Jalil McLeod, Andrea McLeod, Al-Sunan and JaQuan Wilson; two great grandchildren, Davionne and Zaheer; one sister, Ella Richards of Virginia; one sister-in-law, Sallie Mae Jackson of NJ; two dear friends, Katherine and Elwood Washington of NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Words of Comfort  
*Minister Erica Miller*

Recessional

## **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *Asleep*

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain  
and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was  
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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