

In Loving Memory of
Lillie Bea Wood



Sunrise: August 29, 1928

Sunset: January 18, 2017

Service

Monday, January 23, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Elder A. C. Monroe, Officiating

Obituary

Lillie Bea Wood was born on August 29, 1928 to Lawrence Payne and Cecile Smith in Meridian, Mississippi.

After graduating from TJ Harris Senior High School in 1945, Mom followed in the footsteps of her aunts, Bertha Shaw and Johnnie Carruth, moving to New York City to pursue a better life. She married her first husband, Simon Freeman and through this union gave birth to two daughters, Patricia Barbara and Cassandra Gail.

Mom worked several years at NY Hospital as a Nurse's Assistant, where she met her second husband, Mitchell Clyde Wood. Her son, Randy Wood was born through this union. Mom was a dedicated and devoted parent ensuring her daughters and son were raised with dignity, grace and strong family values. For many years, Mom hosted family gatherings in her home, especially on Sunday afternoons ensuring her children witnessed the power of dedication and love of family. She extended her love of family to her sixteen year old stepson, Larry Wood who moved from Macon, Georgia to stay with her family in New York City. Mom developed a close bond with her stepson over the years, sharing lots of laughter and special memories.

Mom became a member of The United House of Prayer under Apostle Swaringer. She was a faithful member for many years. Mom's strong faith in God and will to survive became the cornerstone of her ability to accept life's challenges. She was the last surviving family member of her generation. She survived her mother, Cecile Smith Drummond; her only sister, Beatrice Wilkins, aunts, Bertha Shaw and Johnnie Carruth; husband, Mitchell Clyde Wood; sons, Randy Wood and Larry Wood (stepson); and many other beloved family members who predeceased her.

Mom leaves fond memories in the hearts of her beloved family: daughter, Patricia Barbara and husband, Robert K. Lakin; daughter, Cassandra Gail and husband, Robert M. Hunt; grandchildren, Tanya Lakin Garcia and husband, Eddie Garcia, Robbie Lakin, Shonese Warrington, Tinequa Hunt, Candy Wood Sheppard and husband, Shaun Sheppard, Randy Wood, Jr. and Stanley Wood; great grandchildren, Javoni Stevens, Nile Garcia, Jabari Garcia, Sierra French, Nia Garcia, Jade Garcia, Alaya Stevens and Jayvon Stevens, daughter-in-law, Crystal Bowling; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession Hymn

Welcome Greeting

Opening Prayer

Liturgy Of The Word

Reading 1 - Psalm 27:4

Reading 2 - Psalm 71:18-19

Songs

Hope Campbell, Soloist

Precious Lord Take My Hand – Hope Campbell - (United House of Prayer)

Grateful – Hope Campbell – (United House of Prayer)

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York



Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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