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Obituary

Laura Marina Ward was born June 17, 1937, in Cumberland County, Virginia. Laura was one of five children Martha, Lawrence, Charlie, Lorenzo all of whom preceded her in death, born to the late Reverend John J. Liggan and Virginia C. Liggan.

In her early years Laura moved to the Bronx, New York where she met and married the love of her life James Albert Ward Sr., and from this union the loves of her life her four children were born; James and Donald preceded her in death.

As the daughter of a preacher, Christ has always been the head of her life as far back as the age of 11, when she received the holy spirit and accepted Christ as her savior. In the 1960's under the leadership of the late Reverend W.C. Kelly, Laura found her church home in the Bronx, NY, and joined Springgreen Baptist Church where she served faithfully as an usher for more than 30 years. Laura knew Christ in a personal way and was not shy about introducing him to all who met her through her words, actions, and good deeds. She loved the Lord and lived her life in such a way that this fact was undeniable to all who knew her. She lived her life serving the Lord and her family.

Laura had a way of making you feel loved. If you didn't know her when you arrived in her presence, by the time you left you felt like family. Laura was a sweet gentle soul who wouldn't hesitate to do anything for you. All you had to do was ask. You could always expect love, respect, kindness, a great meal, or a cup of coffee when you went to visit her. Although her grand and great-grandchildren call her Nana, she became Nana to all who knew her, and not just in name. Family was most important to her, and it was at the moment of a family member's death when Laura would become Mother and Nana to so many. Especially to her sister Martha's grandchildren Stacy and Lorenzo, her bonus children Keith, Shelly, and her daughter Thasha. She had three special people in her life who were technically sister-in-laws and cousins but were more like biological sisters. She loved and spoke with them often. They are Mary Ward, Ruth Ward, and Gloria Coleman.

On June 28, 2022, the Lord dispatched his angels and declared her work well done, and called her for her reward of everlasting life with him.

Laura leaves to cherish her memories, Patricia Ward, Reggie Ward, Thasha Ward, (Bronx, NY), Keith Ward, Shelly Ward. (Maryland); grandchildren, Keith Ward, (Carmen) Talasia Ward, James Albert Jr. III, (Letefeya), Shakia Walton, Chykee Ward, and Ciarra Ward; great-grandchildren, Keith Ward Jr. (KI), Nicolas Ward, Oryan Ward, Cordell Walton, Champ Walton, Lashai Jenkins, Kayra Ward, Kayla Ward, Merina Ward, Ashley Russel; one great great grandchild, Lennox Goodwin; two special nieces whom she loved dearly, Felice and Cheryl Ward and a host of other nieces, nephews cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren taken by her in love, family, and friends.

Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she interacted with. She will surely be missed! Sleep on Nana, take your rest Nana, we loved you but God Loves you best.

Order of Service

Presiding Reverend Dr. Frederick Hooper Sr.

Processional Reverend Jeffrey Ousley Sr. and Family

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Jeffrey Ousley Sr.

Old Testament Reading Talasia Ward

New Testament Reading Deacon Michael Ward

Selection Reverend Tyrone Richardson

Poem Grandchildren

Acknowledgment of Cards Felice Ward
Remarks (2 minutes)

Obituary Thasha N. Ward

Selection Reverend Tyrone Richardson

Eulogy Reverend Dr. Frederick Hooper Sr.

Last Glance

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Internment
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



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John 14:1-4

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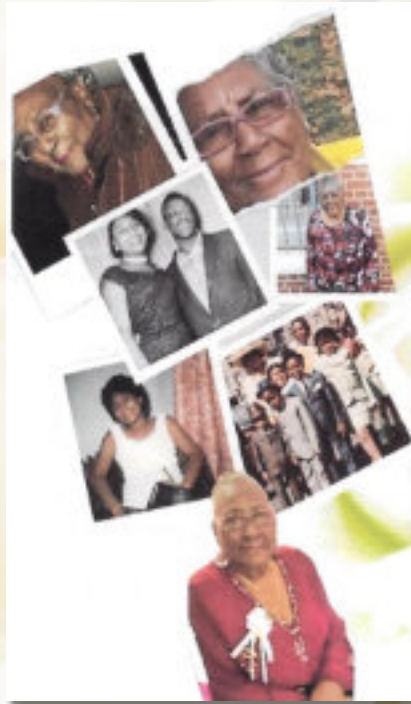
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