

*A Celebration
Of
Life*



"Don't Worry. Be Happy."

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Victoria McLean** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God Bless you.*

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Victoria McLean
1925 - 2022



Obituary

Victoria “Snooks” McLean was born on April 4, 1925 to Victoria and Simon Grant Sr. in Beaufort, South Carolina. Quietly and peacefully, at the beautiful age of 97, she moved on to her eternal rest early the morning of August 29, 2022.

As a young toddler, she and her family relocated from South Carolina to Elizabeth, New Jersey when she was three years old and, for most of her childhood, she gained her education within the Elizabeth Public School System. As an adult, Victoria, or Snooks as she was so commonly referred to, worked as an Oven Line Supervisor for the former Burry Biscuits Corporation – a division of the Quaker Oats Company. There for over 40 years until her retirement, she ran that cookie line like a true boss and ensured that every worker was putting their absolute best foot forward. While she could be lenient at times and leverage those “teaching moments”, she was known for holding her staff to the highest degree of performance. Later, during her retirement, Vicky still had more to give, so she returned to the Elizabeth School District to work part-time in the Lafayette school cafeteria.

Now, as much as she took joy in her professional accomplishments, she wasn’t all work and no play. In 1946, Victoria met Cicero Bessie (aka C.B.) McLean and they married in 1948. From this union two children were born – Ronald D. McLean and Lisa D. McLean (Dillard).

A true servant, Victoria was a lifelong member of the New Zion Baptist Church of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Serving under several leaders – including her current Pastor – Reverend Kevin J. White, she lent her time and energy to the Usher Board and Pastor’s Aide. As a Member Emeritus of the Arnetta Blowe Scholarship Guild, she made it known that the value of education was very important to her. It was through her involvement with the Women’s Scholarship Club where, as a vibrant and active member, she and her fellow associates were able to lighten the financial burden of young adults by providing scholarships that would aide students in tuition and other onboarding expenses. Her contributions here would afford her the status of lifelong member within this organization.

As the clock continued to tick and life rolled on, Victoria was not one to sit still. Often, she could be found frequenting the Stephen Sampson Center where she enjoyed hobbies that included ceramics, knitting, crocheting, exercising, and bowling.

A cornerstone member of the Grant family, Victoria really enjoyed family gatherings. Whether it was at the park every summer for the Old Timers Picnic or any holiday celebration, Snooksie was there... often times with her famous sweet potatoes and marshmallow casserole in hand. And, let’s face it, if there was something that was just slightly out of order, you were going to hear her low raspy voice tell you about it. In truth, you really tried not to get in her crosshairs cause Snooksie was not one to mince words.

Preceding her in death are her husband, C.B. McLean; son, Ronald McLean; parents, Victoria and Simon Grant; sisters, Louise Grant, Mildred Brown, Rosetta Hawkins, Helen Robinson Harrell, and Florence Foster; and brothers, Herbert Washington Sr. and Simon Grant Jr.

Gone, but never forgotten, Victoria leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Lisa Dillard and son-in-law, Michael; daughter-in-law, Kathleen McLean; grandson, Christopher McLean and granddaughter-in-law, Chimere McLean; granddaughter, Latrice Dillard; and great-grandson, Cameron McLean. She also leaves her siblings – sister Geraldine Clyburn; sister-in-law, Yvonne “Granny” Grant; two brothers, Gilbert Grant and Robert Grant, along with sister-in-law, Sandra Grant; special friend and caretaker, Nicole Etienne; and a host of nieces, nephews, church family, and friends.



To Little Grandma:

My Queen Victoria,



It has been an honor to watch and learn as you have been such an amazing example. You are the epitome of perseverance. The Face of “I may bend but I won’t break”. With every test that was presented to you, you walked away with a testimony. Through your life, you’ve shown us the blueprint of service and reward. A life filled with love, strength, and unwavering faith. While I may have some tears, I also have our memories. Though I may be sad, I take joy in knowing that you are at peace. Thank you for allowing me to be in the presence of such greatness. I love you. Always and Forever.

Latrice

Little Grandma:



As your first-born grandchild, my journey here was not an easy one. Mom and dad tried for quite some time to make you a grandmother, and the struggle was tough on everyone emotionally. But then it happened! I came busting into this world not only to find loving and supportive parents awaiting my arrival, but a grandmother who welcomed me with open arms. My memories from childhood through adulthood are saturated with your presence. You were there through uneventful moments and key milestones. Even when your health began to wane, you still tried to press forward – to remain. To be there. Those are the memories that I will hold on to and pass on to the next generation. You will never be forgotten Little Grandma and please know that my life is made better because of you.

Chris

Order of Service

Service:

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 • 10:00 AM

New Zion Baptist Church

800-822 Flora Street, Elizabeth, NJ

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Scripture ReadingsNew Zion Baptist Church

- Old TestamentPsalm 27: 1-4
- New Testament..... 2nd Corinthians 5: 1-8

Prayer of ComfortElder Gilbert Grant

Selection..... Tammy Neal – “Yesterday”

Reflections..... Christopher McLean (grandson)

..... Latrice Dillard (granddaughter)

..... Women’s Scholarship Club, Inc

Acknowledgements

& ResolutionsMinister Cartayah Hawkins-Reid

Obituary Reading Dawn Clyburn

Sermonic Musical SelectionApril Rix

Eulogy Rev. Kevin J. White, Sr. Pastor

Benediction & Recessional

Musical Postlude... April Rix - “Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey