

<u> Obituary</u>

Lois E. Farrar, a beloved matriarch and highly regarded community Mom, neighborhood Mom, and friend to many, passed peacefully on October 24, 2024, at 6:25 pm. Born on June 28, 1939, at Abington General Hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania, Lois's life was a testament to kindness, strength, and faith. The eldest daughter of the late Dorothy Razor Williams and Sam Rines. Lois inherited her mother's warmth, generosity, and commitment to family and her father's wisdom.

Growing up between North Hills, Philadelphia, and Harlem, New York, Lois developed a deep appreciation for both community and family, which would become central to her life. She was the devoted wife of the late Thomas Farrar, Sr. for over forty years, and together they raised a close-knit family who are the light of her life. As a mother to Dawud Muhammad (wife Gwen), Donald (Butchie) Richards, the late Darryl Richards (Widow - Maybeline), the late Douglass Richards, Dwight Richards, Sr. (wife Shani), the late Bruce Farrar, and Thomas Farrar, Jr. Lois instilled values of love, faith, and resilience in her boys.

Professionally, Lois built a respected career as a valued administrative and executive support team member. Known for her meticulous attention to detail, exceptional organizational skills, and dedication to excellence, she made a lasting impact in every role she took on. Her coworkers and supervisors recognized her as a trusted, dependable presence who brought warmth and integrity to each task, elevating the standards of her workplace and building

meaningful connections with colleagues.

Beyond her career, Lois was a beloved member of The New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where she was affectionately known as "the candy lady." Her generosity and lighthearted spirit endeared her to everyone in the congregation. Her faith, guided by the teachings of Pastor Washington, deepened the foundation of her faith, and she served her church family with sincerity and joy.

Lois was known for her thoughtful gestures and her unique ability to make each person feel valued. Her birthday and holiday cards were a tradition that brought comfort and connection to her loved ones, a reflection of the warmth she extended to all.

Her legacy continues through her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. Lois also leaves behind her sister, Frances H. Williams, a large extended family, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who feel blessed to have had her in their lives.

Lois is reunited in spirit with those who went before her, including her beloved sons, Douglas (Dougie) Richards, Bruce Farrar, and Darryl Richards, along with her husband, Thomas Farrar, Sr., her mother, and her father.

Lois's life was a shining example of kindness, humor, and dedication. Her legacy will live on in the lives she touched, her memory a constant reminder of the power of love and faith. We will miss her dearly, but her spirit will remain with us in every shared story, every cherished memory, and every act of kindness she exhibited and inspired.

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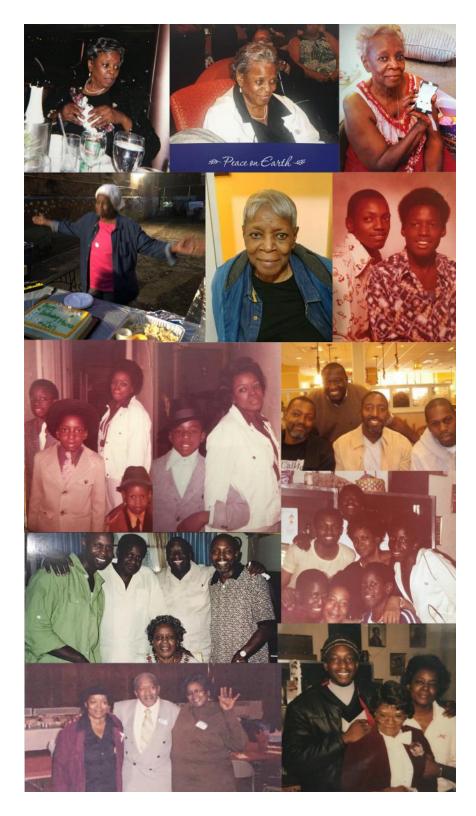
Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

Pallbearers:

Dawud I Muhammad Dawud ibn Muhammad Donald Richards Dwight Richards, Sr. Dwight Richards, Jr. Douglas Richards

Honorary:

Thomas Farrar, Jr. Darryl Richards, Jr. (Smokey)







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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch, Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now. He set me free.

OAcknowledgement

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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