

In Loving Memory
of
Marguerite C. Linda Laws (Jordan)



You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Tuesday, July 3, 2012
1:00 P.M.

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
344 Sheldon St. | New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Reverend Lorenzo Laws, M.Div., Pastor

Services of Committal and Interment

Greenwood Cemetery
320 White St. | Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Obituary

On May 6, 1959, the life of Marquerite C'Linda Laws (Jordan), affectionately known as "Rita by some and "ReeRee" by many, began in Daytona Beach, Florida, at Halifax Hospital. Her proud mother was the late Rutha Mae Laws and her father the late James William Laws, Jr.

Marquerite attended schools in the Volusia County School District — Turie T. Small and Longstreet Elementary Schools, Seabreeze Junior High, and Spruce Creek Senior High Schools. She had the distinct honor of being crowned the first Black Miss Spruce Creek High in 1976. She performed as a dancer in the Annual Jabberwock Pageants that were held at Bethune-Cookman University, and provided entertainment for many family members, friends, and the community. She was also a cheerleader for the "Hawks" at Spruce Creek High. In her senior year of high school, she was selected to be a Debutante.



With a passion for helping people, Marquerite attended Bethune-Cookman University, majoring in Nursing, where she received her Nursing cap after completing her junior year of college. At Bethune-Cookman University, she served as a cheerleader for the Wildcats. Later her desire to expand her horizons led her to join the United States Marine Corps where she faithfully served for three years. Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge from the military, she met and married the late Adrian Jordan, Sr. and after relocating to Sandersville, GA, Marquerite enrolled in Sandersville Technical College and earned an Associate Degree in Medical Coding.

Marquerite had a host of jobs including Halifax Hospital and Evergreen Sales and Marketing in Daytona Beach, Florida. Her hobbies included, crocheting, word puzzles and cooking. She became known as the "Crab Cake Lady of Soul City". Spiritually, you could not have found a more loving, kind and caring person than Marquerite. She was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish the memories of this remarkable woman are her two sons, Lorenzo Laws (Joia) and Adrian (Tiffany) Jordan of Daytona Beach, FL and her only daughter Tiffany (Octavia) White of Sandersville, GA; three sisters, Cynthia (Roosevelt) Calloway of Oklahoma City, OK, Mildred (Calvin) Lambert of Jacksonville, FL, and K'Netha (Thomas) Jones of Houston, TX; two brothers James (Gail) Laws of Philadelphia PA, and Reverend Lorenzo (Gertie) Laws of St. Augustine, FL; and a special niece Glynnia "Denise" Geathers; twelve grandchildren, Jeffery Shepard, Jaquan Shepard, LaAdrian Jordan, LaAsja Jordan, Aiden Jordan, Destiny Berryhill, DaChaunte Berryhill, DaNeja Berryhill, Alyeria Johnson, Za'kia Johnson, Jayson Jordan, Justin White; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



A Parting Message to Our Family



“If Tomorrow Starts Without Me”

*I've dreamed many dreams that
never came true,
If tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had. If I could relive
yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you*

*And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times
You did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.*

Author "David M. Romano"



A Tribute to Our Mother



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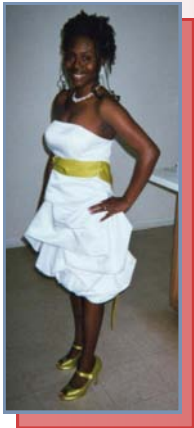
Lorenzo



I love my mom so much I can always hear her saying, "Don't let the devil win and don't go into a situation that you know will have a negative outcome." The day before my mother went home we had a great day by doing one of her favorite things, watching Top Chef. Well, she actually spent most of the show explaining to me how they cooked those great meals on a hot plate. She looked at me and said, "when you are hungry you will find a way." That was one of the best aspects of my mother; she could always find a great answer out of a bad situation.



Adrian



My mom always told me if the shoe don't fit don't wear it. My mom was the best mom in the world because she loved me unconditionally, and she will always be here with me because she lives through me.

Tiffany



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Homegoing Celebration

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Reverend Lorenzo Laws, M.Div., Pastor
Officiating

Cynthia Laws Calloway, M.Ed
Mistress of Ceremony

Processional

Selection

Invocation

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Expressions of Love
(2 minutes please)

Children & Special Niece

Family

Friends

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Praise Dance

Selection

The Celebration Message (Eulogy)

Recessional

Choir

Rev. Travis Kendrick

Rev. Reginald Joe

Rev. Darryl Laws

Choir

Glynnia "Denise" Geathers

Mildred Laws Lambert & Thomas Jones, Jr.

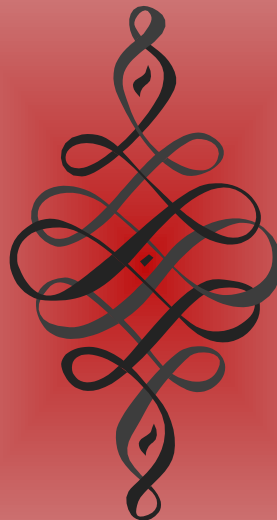
Sonya Ford White

Sarah Horne-Rone

Tiffany Jordan and Family

Choir

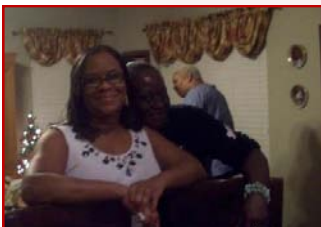
Rev. Lorenzo Laws, Pastor



Life in Pictures



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Active Pallbearers

Michael Bell
Alvin Hawthorne, Jr.
Derik Smith

Erik Smith

Victor Derricote
Jesus Lanio
Amos Townsend

Honorary Pallbearers

Thomas Jones, Jr.
James Laws, III

Calvin Lambert
Roosevelt Calloway

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many friends and acquaintances that, in many ways, let us know how much you care.

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