



Mrs. Loretta Rosa Jackson

February 20, 1945 - December 15, 2020

~Obituary~

Sunrise: February 20, 1945 Sunset: December 15, 2020

Loretta Rosa or “Rose” Jackson began her journey on February 20, 1945 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Virginia and Samuel Reid. She grew up on Redfield street with her older brother William R. Foreman and older sister Yolanda A. Collins who all attended Sunday School and church services at Faith Memorial Baptist Church in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Loretta attended Overbrook High School. After graduating she worked as a data processor, as well as director of various youth as well as adult choirs throughout the city of Philadelphia. Later she married David. L. Benbow and through their union had six children David Lee (deceased) Faith Germain, Dorothea Theresa, Phaedra Denise, Samuel Reid and Stanford Arthur (deceased) Benbow. They lived in West Philadelphia, PA until their marriage dissolved, November 1978. On August 18, 1979, Loretta married Cleveland “Chappy” Jackson until their separation in December 1982.

While working full time as a data processor for various companies and organizations, and serving as a single mother to her children, Loretta also committed her time and musical talents and gifts to a number of churches,

musical groups, mass choirs in the tri-state area, as well as with well-known recording artists such as Patti LaBelle and Reverend James Cleveland. Loretta retired in the spring of 1999 from the City of Philadelphia as an Unemployment Claims Auditor and moved to Shippensburg Pennsylvania as her final resting place.

Upon arrival to the Shippensburg Community, she quickly developed a reputation for serving God through testimony and using her musical gifts to support local pastors, choirs, churches and community groups. As a member of St. Peter's, AME Church in Shippensburg, she served as Choir Director, Minister of Music, Church Secretary, Sunday School Supervisor amongst many other roles. As a loving mother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, grandmother, great-grandmother, adopted mother (to many), friend and devoted child of God, she leaves behind her four children (Faith, Dorothea, Phaedra, and Samuel), four grandchildren (Phaedra, Anderson, Olivia and Sydney) and twelve great grand-children (Chyna, Tyalise, Cerron, Kasiem, Chace, Avy, CaliRose, Yaseer, Yahmir, Yahnae, Jermaine, Jahmir). Loretta had a heart of gold and a caring spirit that will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Respectfully submitted by her
Children, family members and friends

Cemetery Details

Smithsburg Crematory

12525 Bradbury Ave.
Smithsburg, MD 21783