

In Loving Memory of



Lula Ann Russell Bowens

Sunrise
August 12, 1936

Sunset
July 12, 2011

Services
Wednesday, July 20, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.

*34 Mercer Street
Newark, New Jersey*

*The Mary Russell (Charles) Family from Maryland were unable to attend the services for their Sister-in-law/Aunt **Lula Bowens** because of pre-planned commitments but wishes to let you know that they are here in Spirit. They send this message to the Family.*

A COMFORTING THOUGHT

There are flowers that grow where they're hidden from sights. But their fragrance we know they are fair...There are those whom we love...gone from us now...Yet in spirit we know they are there.

~Constance Parker Graham

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE JONESES

My sister Lula displayed "Mother's Love to her Children throughout her lifetime and so I write this for her family:

A MOTHER'S LOVE

A mother's love is something that no one can explain, it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice and pain, it is endless and unselfish an enduring come what may for nothing can destroy it or take that love away. It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...it believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...a many splended miracle man cannot understand and another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

~To The Bowens Family from Aunt Katie

Reflections of Life

The time comes when we must leave our loved ones. That time came to **Lula Ann Russell Bowens** on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, where she met with her departed family that greeted her at the Garden of Heaven.

Lula, the ninth daughter of the late Walter Russell (1957) and Lucy Cobb Russell (1984), was born on August 12, 1936 in Dunn, North Carolina.

Lula was a Dunn, North Carolina 1954 Harnett High School graduate. In 1958, she moved to Newark, New Jersey and married the late Johnnie Bowens. She divorced some years later. She enrolled in Newark Essex College. One of her instructors was the former Mayor of Newark. During her evening studies at Essex College, she worked in the Federal Building for a few years.

She was the caregiver to her mother until her mother passed in December 1984. After moving to Bergen Street, she decided to get into the business of selling candy and she sat up her stand under the tree at Bergen Street and Muhammad Ali Avenue and became known as the Katydid Lady until June, 2005 when she had her first stroke.

To cherish her life, legacy and fond memories are: three sons, Ellis Bowens (care giver), Derrick Bowens (wife), Chicago, IL and Eric Bowens; Farice Bowens, the grandson who called her Ma and was a caregiver; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren in New Jersey and Illinois; sister, Katie Russell McNeill Priester, Cambria Hgts, New York; sisters-in-law, Mary Russell, Seat Pleasant,

MD, Tillie Russell, Chicago, IL; special nephews, Aaron Burroughs (Tracee), New Jersey who always remembered to make sure that she had plenty of food during Thanksgiving and Christmas and Christopher McNeill (Desiree), Brooklyn, NY, visited her in the hospital and was able to get her to speak a few words and make her as comfortable as possible; special niece, Gertie Mae McAllister, Dunn, NC who kept a prayer Virgil after learning of her second stroke; grand niece and assistant caregiver, Tianna Jones and daughter, Newark, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her first two children who preceded her in death were, Algernon Gene Bowens (2003) and Regenia Sharita Bowens (1990), the siblings who departed and prepared a place for her, Earl Walter Russell (1921), Willie Edward Russell (1987), Ernest Russell (1994), Adgienora Burroughs (1995), Lena Mae Jones (1995), Charles Russell (2001), Evelyn Johnson (2002), Norman Russell (2005), sisters-in-law, Gertie Lee Russell (1967), Roberta Russell (2000) and brothers-in-law, Edward Jones, Sr. (2010), Burnice Burroughs (1990), Eldridge Brackett Johnson (1987), Isaiah Priester (1988) and Gene Autry McNeill (1990).

She was loved and admired by all that knew her. Lula was always doing for others: giving when she did not have much to give but gave it anyway. She shared her bounties with passer bys in the community or with people who would stop under the tree when she was selling Kadydid. She loved people and showed her kindheartedness and thoughtfulness with all people young and old. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grand children.

Lula had a beautiful voice that few people knew. She always had a smile for you even though she may have been hurting inside.

Order of Service

Prelude Recording/ Organist

Solo “The Lord’s Prayer”
Edward Jones, Jr.

Holy Scriptures Christopher F. McNeill

Song The Jones Family

Expressions/Obituary Tianna Jones

Solo “Precious Lord”
Kahrim Jones

Acknowledgement/Condolences Desiree McNeill

Meditation on my Sister’s Death
Katie Marie Russell McNeill/Priester
(Copy Upon Request)

Friends and Family Tributes

Eulogy Minister

Song The Jones Group

Interment

Rest Haven Cemetery
Dunn, North Carolina

A SISTER'S LOVE

Whenever I needed support, you were there to help out of genuine interest and concern.

More and more, I realized that's just the way you were...sensitive, thoughtful, always willing to give of yourself with warmth and generosity... So, just know that when I say, "Thanks for being you,"

*I mean it sincerely-
I mean it from the heart.*

~Divine Love, Katie

Acknowledgements

We express our deep appreciation for the flowers, telegrams, cards of condolence, and every act of kindness shown since the passing of our dear Mother and for your attendance at the Memorial Services.

The Bowens Family

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