

In Loving Memory of



Lila Payne

Sunrise

May 15, 1926

Sunset

July 29, 2014

Service

Monday, August 4, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Lila Payne was born on May 15, 1926 to Annie and Clarence Williams in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She was baptized at St. Mathis Church, in which she remained a member.

Lila grew up with thirteen brothers and sisters. When Lila was seventeen years old, she came to New York and stayed with her eldest brother for the summer. She loved it so much that she decided to move there at nineteen and began working in a cleaners doing “piece work”. Not to long after, she met Judge Payne, who had returned from serving with the Navy after the second World War was over.

After a long courtship, the two got married and had three children and raised one grandchild. During her eighty-eight years of life, Lila had numerous jobs to support her family. She worked as a maid, a worker in a cotton field, a factory employee, a cleaner and a licensed care giver for children and the elderly. Lila had a strong nurturing spirit she helped raise her grandchildren, great grandchildren and other people’s children that were in her life.

Lila is survived by: her granddaughter, Dawn Payne; daughters, Annie Grant and Margaret Payne Singh; brother, Robert Williams; grandson, Judge Singh; great granddaughter, Enaj Watson; grandson-in-law, Leslie Clarke; son, Clarence Owens; son-in-law, John Singh; and a host of nieces and nephews.

We can all remember Lila for not just being a parent, grandparent, aunt, or friend, but as an amazing person, who was always willing to help someone. She never turned her back on anyone and that’s an admirable trait, which we all strive to have. Lila taught us what hard work actually meant and never settling for less. She taught us that the only thing stopping you from achieving greatness was you. Although she is gone she will never be forgotten.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

I'm Free

*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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!*

-author unknown

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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