

I was most fortunate throughout my life to be surrounded by some very special and positive people friends. I could go on to name them, but, I'm positive I would leave someone undone, because we each had our own special bond. So to my beloved family and friends, don't grieve for me (Go party somewhere) for now I'm free and I know I didn't always follow the path God laid out for me but I had sense enough to know that when He called I was no different from anyone else and had to go. I had 82 years to get it right and now there's no time left to be put aside or begin to bargain with Him, the task that I've left earthly undone, must now stay that way, I couldn't stay another day to correct them or be with you, to disagree, laugh, to love, to help, to work, or play. At the beginning or close of my special day. God introduced me to his peace, that I heard so much about, and now I must go to see for myself. My one and last request, from me to you, is to lift up your hearts and share with me my great day, because in my heart was space for all of you. God wanted me now and He kept His promise and prepared my room I hope it's big enough and then came back and took my hand to set me free, so you must also let me be, because I've prayed to see you all again on your special day. Love you, Love you.

P.S. To all my special friends, the special things we shared. I took them to my grave with me, Elizabeth, Zola, Kathy, JoAn, Debbie, Pearlie, Pearl, Geneva, JP and Nadine.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory of



Ida M. Stroud

December 31, 1937 - April 1, 2020



Service

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary



Ida was born December 31, 1937 in Salisbury, NC to the late Mary Ann and Alexander Stroud. Her mother passed in 1943. She and the rest of her family moved to Newark, NJ in 1945 where she remained until her death.

Her father later married Louise Cameron from North Carolina. She was educated in Newark School system, attending Central Ave. Grammar, Robert Treat (Marcus Garvey) Jr. High and graduated from Barringer High School.

Shortly after she was employed by New Jersey Bell (now called Verizon) for thirty-six years before retiring in 1991. She also leased the Restaurant Concession at Lyons Lanes Bowling Alley, and was partnered with another restaurant called Fish Place (Wright St., Newark). She was a volunteer worker for W.B.G.O. Radio Station since 1990. Working closely with D.J Engineer Felix Hernandez, where he gave her, her own air time. She loved playing card, music and bowling.

“Ms. Ida” as they called her was a Jr Coach and mother figure for several children and young adults at Lyons Lanes and Garden State Bowling Alleys.

Ida joined Salem Baptist Church in East Newark at an early age and was baptized there. She later took her membership to Greater Harvest Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Banks, Pastor. She often stated in her heart and soul her membership belonged to Greater Corner Stone Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ under the direction of Pastor Niles Wilson.

Ida was preceded in death by her biological parents, Mary and Alexander Stroud, step mom, Laura Stroud, her son, Willie, brother, Alexander Jr., sister, Dorothy. She leaves to cherish her memories: her sister, Brenda Smith (Thomas) of NC; daughter-in-law, Lisa Stroud of Nutley, NJ, Debra Cook of Newark; adopted daughters, Sheliah Cole, Melissa and Cindy Muldrow; two grandsons, Shawn Cook and Furquan Stroughn (Angie) of Newark; three granddaughters, Ra-kima, Asiah and Alisha; Curtis Wright a special adopted brother; six nieces, Gwen, Kira, Kisha, Thomasina and Nina of NC and Theresa of EO; five nephews, Sylvesta Stroud (Ann), Rodger Jermaine L. Thomas Smith of NC, Rashaad Caldwell of EO; two great granddaughters, Ja'Myra and Claire; one godson, James Taylor; a host of cousins, uncles, aunts and friends; special adopted sister, Helen Daniel.

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