

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Lee Dell

GRAVES-DAVIS

FEBRUARY 5, 1947 - AUGUST 5, 2020

Saturday, August 15, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Joshua Nelson, Organist*

Obituary

Lee Dell Graves-Davis was born February 5, 1947. She was the third child of Mr. Eugene Graves and Mrs. Annie Kate Graves in segregated Jim Crow Midway, Alabama. She was the daughter of share croppers.

She never liked the fact you could not use the city library and everywhere she went, all you would see were the black & white signs. But she said to her mother that she was going to work hard and study hard. She was going to be working the jobs that they tried to keep all black people away from. Lo and behold, she was the first black typist that was ever hired at First Jersey, and when the company moved into Corporate America and Investment, she was there for thirty-eight years. She was also responsible for training new employees that were hired. She always liked and embraced new technologies. Lee Dell always knew that computers were eventually going to rule the world and she wanted to be a part of it.

She graduated from high school in the Bullock Co. School System. Lee Dell loved learning about the world around her and had a thirst for knowledge and she would look to learn from the wisdom in others. She was very interested in civil rights, and equal rights for African Americans here in America particularly in regards to rights to vote. Lee Dell wanted to travel to all 50 states, the Caribbean and several countries. She also liked history, visiting botanical gardens, all of nature, all the museums and visiting the Presidential museums and libraries. Lee Dell loved music, gospel and R&B, and she loved going to concerts.

At an early age, Lee Dell confessed Christ and joined Antioch Baptist Church in Midway, AL. Lee Dell graduated from Merritt High School in Midway, AL in 1967 and then her next milestone was moving to Akron, OH. She knew life would be pretty hard without an education, so Lee Dell looked to further her education and in 1968 she joined Job Corps and took business courses including computers. She graduated with honors and worked for the State of New Jersey. While there she went to Hudson County Community College where she took more advanced technology courses and graduated with honors.

Lee Dell was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Graves; mother, Annie Kate Graves; daughter, Kimberly Davis; brothers, Eugene Graves, Jr. and Melvin Graves; niece, Phyllis Graves.

Lee Dell leaves to cherish her memory: one sister, Lula J. Graves; nephews, Melvin Graves Jr., Lydon Graves, Malcolm Graves, Don Graves; nieces, Venus Graves, April Graves; several great great nieces and nephews; and a host of other family members and friends

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Joshua Nelson

Scripture Reading

Old testament / New testament

Rev. Edward Allen

Prayer of Comfort

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Selection

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Remarks

(two minutes each please)

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Eulogy

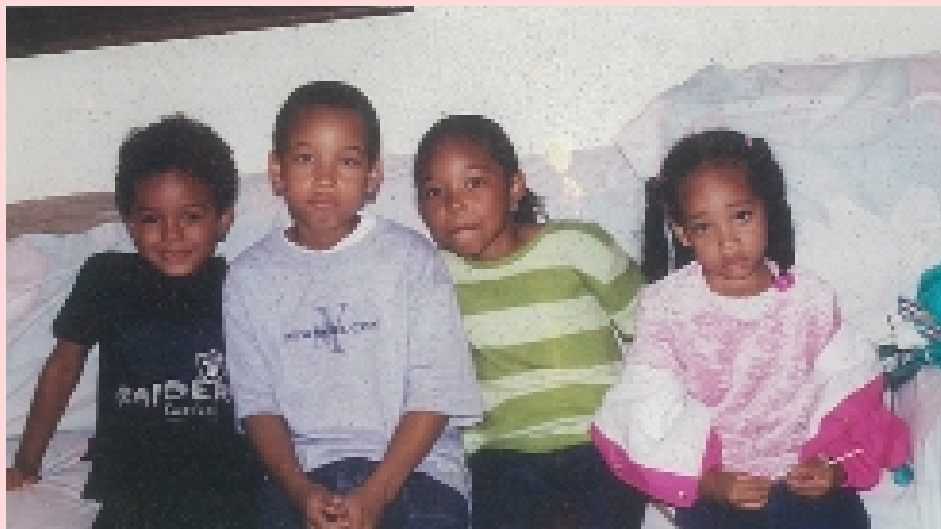
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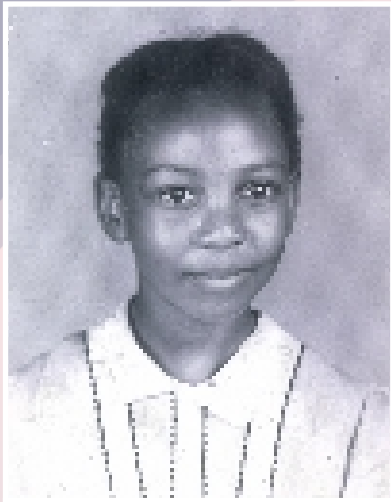
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Jersey City, New Jersey









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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

Acknowledgements

The family of **Lee Dell Graves-Davis** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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