



*Celebration  
of  
Life*

*Queen Odessa E. Liles*

January 15, 1944 - February 19, 2021

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

***Kenneth Lawrence, Officiating***

## *Obituary*

Odessa E. Liles was born to the late David and Annie Lawrence, on January 15, 1944 in Newark, NJ. She departed this life on February 19, 2021 at Concord, North Carolina at the Atrium Health Cabarrus Hospital.

Odessa was educated by the Newark School System.

Odessa has 6 children Darren Liles, James M. Liles Jr., Tuwana Liles Bullock, Thomas Bullock, Khamilah Liles and Bilal Liles.

Odessa was a dedicated worker for the Newark Public School System over 30 years and enjoyed her job, she made a difference in children's lives.

Odessa was a resident of Newark, NJ for over 76 years. She previously lived at St. Mary's Villa in Newark, NJ where she enjoyed bingo and teaching other residents how to crochet, she also made blankets for babies in the family.

Odessa's hobbies were watching TV, playing Backgammon, Monopoly and Crossword puzzles. Her favorite places were Atlantic City and The Sands in PA.

Odessa loved her grandchildren and family. She would get her family together all the time. She had special sister dinners; she loved her sister no matter what. They were called "The Four Sisters" Strong black women that had old school ways. And they raised their children, grands, and other family.

She was preceded in life by her parents and sisters Laurean Lawrence Thomas, Agnes Pettus, and Gloria Harrison and her brother Anthony Lawrence.

Preceded by her brother-in-law Gene Bearfield.

Honored in the presence of her sister Leola Bearfield, in-laws Willie Pettus, Jennette Lawrence; her children Darren Liles, James M. Liles Jr., Tuwana Liles Bullock, Thomas Bullock, Khamilah Liles and Bilal Liles.

Odessa leaves to cherish her memory, her grands DaSean Liles, Robert Liles, Jaalil Irvin, Markus Bullock, Tyrie Bullock and Ziba Liles, her great grands DaSean Liles, Jordyn Touchette, Robert Liles, Sean Liles, MaKayla & Jaalil Irvin, Jay'Ceon Liles, Mason Scovil, and Andre Howard; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

*Interment*  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

# I Thought of You Today

I Thought of you today,  
But that is nothing new,  
I thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too,  
I think of you in silence,  
I will continue to speak your name,  
I'll keep your memories in my refuge  
God will never part,  
And I will always have you in my heart

## Acknowledgement

*The family of **Queen Odessa Liles** wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone that has shown us much Love and Support at this time for the loss of our Mother.*

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