

Celebration of Life
for
Mrs. Linda B. Townes



Sunrise
January 5, 1949

Sunset
March 24, 2021

Memorial Service
Sunday, April 11, 2021 - 2PM

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Order of Service

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Donna Townes
Excerpts from Proverbs 3

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Lamont Townes

Reflections

Dwayne Townes
Open to Congregants

Obituary

Donna Townes

Selection

“Goin’ Up Yonder”

Eulogy

Recessional

“Take Me To The King”

In lieu of flowers Linda’s family would like charitable donations in her name to the following charities:

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
United Cerebral Palsy of New York City/ADAPT Community Network
Partners In Health
Special Olympics*

“Death Ends a Life Not a Relationship” While we are all saddened and grief stricken by the passing of Linda she will forever remain our mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, friend in our hearts. Her children and grandchildren will continue to embody her spirit of giving, love, support and caring.

Obituary

Linda Bernice McCray Townes was born on January 5th, 1949. She was the eldest of four children from her parents, Bernice and Lonnie McCray. She was loved by her siblings, Lonnie Jr., Jay and Sonia. Linda met the love of her life, Ronald Townes, as a teenager and married him on July 15, 1967. They were married for 45 years until Ronald gained his wings on December 2, 2012. Ronald and Linda were blessed with five children, three girls and two boys. Linda was an exemplary mother and was extremely proud of the family she created, loved and led. On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Linda joined the love of her life in eternal rest at the age of 72.

Linda loved people. She never met a stranger. Linda was sociable, friendly and immediately put anyone she met at ease. She cultivated and grew friendships wherever she went. Linda was the friend who you could call any day, any time and she was there for you. She never said no or turned anyone away. Linda believed in the greatness of people and did whatever she could to ensure everyone was attended to and cared for. Linda loved children and helping people, so she dedicated her life to early childhood education and working with children. She taught at P.S. 145 in New York City for thirty years, from September 1988 until she retired in June of 2018.

Linda loved the Lord! She attended church service faithfully every Saturday in person at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. She was also an active member of her home away from home church, Calvary Christian Fellowship in Columbus, OH. She attended Sunday service, and Bible Study every Wednesday online. She was also an active member of the Women's Ministry, helped at the food pantry and VBS every summer. Linda always made sure she let everyone know how much she loved and cared for them. She was known for ending phone calls by saying "Love you! Stay safe." and signing her messages with her famous "xoxo Mom/Grandma/Auntie Linda/Linda".

Linda leaves to cherish her memory: her five children, Donna Townes, Lynette Townes, Lamont Townes, Rhonda Townes-Hodge and Dwayne Townes; her grandchildren, Heather Garcia, Kalin McClain, Aaliyah Hodge, Jazmine Jones, Chauncey Townes, Noah Peden, Amiyah Hodge, and Lamont Antonio Townes; her great-granddaughter, Ava Martinez; her siblings, Lonnie McCray, Jay McCray and Sonia Crawford; sisters-in-law, Patricia, Edwina, Roberta, Ella and Hazel; brother-in-law, Harold; son-in-law, Mark; and daughters-in-law, Shaneeque, Alejandra, and Tanisha. Linda had many nieces and nephews that she loved and adored, Vickie, Donnie, David, Jeffery, Shirelle, Antwan, Angee, Cosine, Michelle, Pauline, Jay Jr., Meleeka, Shanee, Makeya, Kareem, Anthony, Brandon, Amanda, and Zion; and numerous great grand nieces and nephews. Linda also leaves behind thousands of kids who she was a mother figure and Auntie to, and a multitude of friends who she loved dearly.

Linda's death will leave an unfillable void in not only the lives of her beloved family, but in the lives of all the communities she supported, advocated for, and cared for.



Serenity Prayer

GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will
make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Amen

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The Family of Linda Townes wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the many friends and relatives for all the acts of kindness shown to the family during their hour of bereavement.

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