

## Message to Grandma

Sometimes we don't know how to deal.  
With situations in life that can't seem real.  
Grandma you will forever be here.  
With loving thoughts of you my dear.

Grandma is now in a better place.  
This is what we all must face.  
We will say see you later today.  
We must realize you're simply just going away.

You're with all your loved ones.  
There are so many things to be said.

You made us laugh, you made us think,  
Your infectious laughter, your subtle wink.  
You loved us all, we felt it in our hearts.  
You're now our angel, you gave us smarts.

We will always love you... So much to say... Love is endless, you're free today.  
When I look into the sky, I will see your sweet face.  
Love is endless, your memories we embrace.

We love you grandma; you will be forever in our mind.  
In our hearts, and in our memories.  
Rest in peace beautiful  
-Makayla-

I Don't Believe In Goodbyes,  
Why? Because a while back someone once said goodbye is forever and this isn't forever this is just temporary, even though you're not here physically you're here mentally and spiritually you left a mark on everyone's heart.  
Love, Assata & Cataleya

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness during the passing of our loved one.  
May God richly bless each one of you....



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## A Celebration Of Life In Loving Memory Of

*Ada Lakin-Bethea*

Sunrise  
June 4, 1935

Sunset  
April 18, 2021

Thursday, April 29, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.

**Frank R. Bell Funeral Home**

536 Sterling Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

*Elder Michael Uptigrow, Officiating*





# Order of Service

- Prelude .....Minister David E. Sayles
- Processional
- Prayer Of Comfort ..... Pastor Michael J. Uptigrow
- Scriptures  
Old Testament - Psalms 23 ..... Monique Gallaway  
New Testament - John 14: 1-6 ..... Monique Gallaway
- Poem ..... Message to Grandma - Makayla Burgess
- Selection ..... Alverna Sharpless
- Obituary ..... Venus Shabazz
- Acknowledgements ..... Venus Shabazz
- Tributes ..... Family & Friends (2 minute Limit)
- Selection ..... Sylvia LeGrand Saxton
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Michael J. Uptigrow
- Selection ..... Alverna Sharpless

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

## Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery  
2030 Wellwood Ave.  
Farmingdale, NY 11735

# A Reflection of Life

Ada Lakin- Bethea

Ms. Ada Lakin-Bethea was born on June 4, 1935 in Richland, South Carolina. She bestowed upon James Lakin and Mary Lakin.

Ada was one of thirteen children whom all preceded her in death, six brothers: James Lakin, Willie Lakin, John Lakin, Jack Lakin and Rufus Lakin whose twin transition at birth. Six sisters: Estelle Lakin, Isabel Lakin, Louella Lakin, Julia Lakin, Josephine Hartman-Lakin and Francis Lakin.

Ada came to New York at a very young age. She resided in Brooklyn, New York and received her education through the New York City Public School System. Ada was United in holy matrimony to Melchisedek Shabazz-Allah Aka Ernest Bethea on July 31, 1954.

Ada resided at Fort Green projects which is now known as Ingersoll Houses for 65 years. Ada retired from Brooklyn Buear Services, she worked in her home as a Daycare provider for young children.

Ada was a loving and caring person with a smile that could light any room. She loved to see her family get together and have fun. Ada never missed a family function no matter where it was located. She had a very special relationship with each and every one of her family members. Whenever Ada got the chance to go out, she made sure she was dressed to impress.

Ada leaves to cherish her memories: Melchesidek Shabazz-Allah; four daughters, Malukah Khadijah Shabazz Aka Dianne Bethea Brown, Veronica Dolly Bethea, Christine Mary Bethea and Venus Cherié Bethea-Shabazz; one god son, Elijah Parson; five granddaughters, Sharleen Reader, Christine Shadean Bowers-Land, Makkah Khalilah Shabazz, Aisha Fatimah Dantzler and Danisia Khadijah Medinah Burgess; five grandsons, Ron Reeder, Raszell Reeder, Justus Shabazz-Allah, Messiah Shabazz-Allah and Elijah Muhammad Alicon Walker; one granddaughter-in-law, Miram Shabazz-Allah and two grandsons-in-law, Curtis Burgess and John Land; ten great granddaughters, Kadeeja, Sadasia, Shacora, Jarai, Assata, Aniyah, Makayla, Tynece, Amaya and Jream; ten great grandsons, Sha-Shawn, Rayshawn, Malik, Shareef, Ty-heem, Tyreem, Melchesidek, Mykel, Yasir and Elijah; five great great granddaughters, Ionasia, MaKenzie, Cataleya, Madelyn and Ah'liyah; three great great grandsons, Tahji, I'Keem and Isiah; one sister-in-law, Ellawouise Bligen, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews and a large host of family and friends whom she loved dearly.

Preceded Ada in death, her two sons, Ernest Bethea Jr. and Ernest Bethea Jr. II and her great granddaughter, Malukah Kadeeja Downs.

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