

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white lace top and a brown fur stole, stands on a wooden staircase in a lush garden. The garden features manicured hedges, spherical garden lights, and a large planter with red flowers. The background is a soft-focus view of the garden and a blue sky.

Celebrating the Life of

Vernell Lockhart
"Mell"

Sunrise
February 23, 1962

Sunset
May 19, 2021

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Betty Montgomery, Officiating

J.E. Williams, Organist

Obituary

Vernell Lockhart was born February 23, 1962 in Paterson, NJ. She was the daughter of the late Ollie Mae Bynum and Lonnie Lockhart.

She was educated through the Paterson Public School system graduating from Eastside High School. Vernell was employed by St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson for many years. She later worked for Preakness Healthcare Center Wayne for many years before retiring.

Vernell was a loving, giving, compassionate, caring and fulfilled person. She loved the Lord and enjoyed going to church. She was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Paterson where she was an Usher and served on the Missionary Board. She also did plenty of outreach services for the community and the homeless as well. She enjoyed spending time with her family members, especially her grandchildren and great granddaughter. She had a special bond with all of them. She loved traveling, shopping and gambling.

Vernell was preceded in death by her parents, Ollie Mae Bynum and Lonnie Lockhart, two sisters, Elizabeth and Shirley Lockhart, one brother, Lonnie Lockhart Jr., two grandsons, Ramere Lockhart and Elijah White.

Vernell entered eternal rest on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at her home.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories her two daughters, Shakena and Aquila Lockhart; one son, Quaheem Lockhart; special daughter, Lashandra Williams; special son, Jerome Western; two brothers, Sampson and Donald Lockhart; two sisters-in-law, Vanessa Sisco Lockhart and Jenny Lockhart; eight grandchildren, Quastasia, MyKira, Mahzir, Katoure, Ahjoure and Bjoure, LaQuan and Yara; one great grandchild Yara and expecting her first great grandson; two godsons, Daniel Fields and Rondell Faison; goddaughter, Mykira Porter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. She also leaves the love of her life, Eric Seegers; and a lot of special friends, Melinda, Mrs. Brenda, Brenda and a host of others that will remember her kindness and love.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor Betty B. Montgomery

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Friday, May 28, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Route 20 & McLean Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."
-Author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Vernell Lockhart** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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