



Service of Victory and Triumph

Lolethia Bowman Brinkley

The Lady With The Big Smile

Sunrise
February 19, 1932

Sunset
August 1, 2021

Thursday August 19, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan
Baptist Church

149 Springfield Ave.
Newark, NJ

Rev. Dr. David Jefferson
Officiating

Obituary

We find great comfort and consolation in the words:

“Death cannot harm a Christian for it is a passageway for those enslaved in life into a palace of Eternity”

On August 1, 2021 the angel of mercy softly called Lolethia Brinkley and ushered her out of the sea of pain and worries of life into Heaven's rest.

Lolethia Brinkley was born on February 19, 1932 to the late Walter and Irene Bowman. She was the youngest of 8 children and was preceded in death by her parents, her son Jerome Moses, step sons Ronald and Rickey Brinkley, brothers Ben Sam, Swilling, Walter (Junior), William Henry, twins Fred and Frank, and a sister Ida Mae Bowman.

At an early age, Lolethia began her life with God and was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church for over 75 years. As a faithful, loyal, committed member, she served in many capacities of the church ministries and activities. Lolethia rarely missed a service and often transported other members and friends to church.

Lolethia attended the Newark Public Schools and graduated from West Side High School. She was employed over the years at Bell Telephone which evolved into AT&T where she became an administrative supervisor. Lolethia acquired many friends also because of her beautiful personality, and retired after 35 years of employment.

God granted Lolethia the love of her life James Brinkley in marriage. He would often sing to her the beautiful lyrics of “Wind Beneath My Wings.” She was a devoted, loving wife, mother and step mother. As James and Lolethia's health began to decline, he devoted his time to taking care of her, providing a supportive and caring environment until God called Lolethia home. They were married for 34 years.

Lolethia Brinkley served the Lord well, was faithful to her family, and kind to her friends. She leaves behind sweet memories to be cherished by those that remain: her loving and devoted husband James Brinkley; eight step daughters: Patricia, Sheila, Sherry, Princess, Constance, Felicia, and Annie Ruth of Savannah, GA; a son Kirk; a very special and caring granddaughter Taja Davis; and twenty-three other grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Though they will miss her, they realize that their loss is Heaven's gain.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn..... Nahdir Coleman

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Roger Humes

New Testament Roger Humes

Prayer of Consolation Roger Humes

Hymn Nahdir Coleman

Acknowledgements

Remarks Please limit to 2 minutes
Elizabeth Cothron (dear friend)
Latarshea Humes (granddaughter)

Reading of the Obituary Sharanda Humes

EulogyRev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

Benediction

Recessional

Private Cremation
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Please join the family for a repast following the interment at
Kings Restaurant
327 Lyons Ave
Newark, NJ



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
We know God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
A loving wife, devoted mother,
aunt, cousin and friend
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace by thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Lolethia Brinkely wishes to express sincere gratitude and thanks to each of you for your support during her illness, and for all your expressions of love and sympathy as we seek the promises of our Savior. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted (Matt. 5:4)

Heartfelt thanks to Churchman Funeral Home and Metropolitan Baptist Church for the helpful, professional services provided in our time of bereavement

The Brinkley Family

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