A Celebration of Life for

Rosie L. Ward

Sunrise: January 15, 1942 - Sunset: September 20, 2021

Saturday, October 2, 2021 - 9:30 AM

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<u>Obituary</u>



**Rosie L. Ward** was born on January 15, 1942 to the late Ida Belle Monroe-White and Robert Vinson in Moro, Arkansas. Rosie graduated from Lee High School in Marianna, Arkansas where she received a full scholarship to play basketball at The University of Arkansas. Upon her summer break she met and fell in love with Franklin Ward. After graduating, she returned to NY and married the love of her life Franklin Ward. They resided in Bronx, NY.

Her first job was at Nedick's in lower Manhattan. She eventually left and worked at R.A.I.N. Home care until retiring.

While in Bronx, NY she joined the Greater Universal Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board, William Fox Scholarship Fund, Willing Worker's Ministry Trustee and Tenant Association. She was a Mother Theresa to her community. She was loving, giving and sharing. Upon her timely departure she resided in Stockbridge, GA.

Rosie L. Ward is preceded in death by five siblings: Melvin, Kenneth, Gail, Mack and Dennis. One sister-in-law Louise.

Left to cherish her memories, husband, Franklin Ward; daughter, Larita Heyward; son, Troy Ward; son-in-law, William Heyward; grandchildren, Zachary, William, Shadimon, Khalil, Carma, Ciara, Carter; Sisters: Jill Barnwell, Jannis Seabrooks, (brother-in-law Michael) Bridgette Greene (brother in law Walter) Louise Allen (sister-in-law); Uncle C.W. Thomas; brother-in-law, Herbert; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, Bernice King, Joanne Smith, Tasha Palmgren and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment: Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey



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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May god bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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