

Celebrating The Life
of
Bessie R. Leake

Sunrise
October 11, 1978

Sunset
October 5, 2021



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 - 11:00 AM

WOODY HOME FOR SERVICES

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell, Officiating

Calvin Blount, Organist

Obituary

Bessie Renee Leake was born on October 11, 1978, to Linda Leake and the late Sylvester Blake in Newark, New Jersey. She departed from this world on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Bessie received her elementary and secondary education in the Newark and East Orange Public School Districts and later participated in various certificate and training programs.

Bessie worked for many years in customer service, but the most rewarding of jobs she's held was mother and grandmother. Nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her children. She loved to cook, bake, and dedicated her free time to learning new crafts like candle making, ceramics, and custom epoxy resin gift making. She was fearless, intentional, and lived life on her terms, unapologetically. Indeed, Bessie was one to know and experience in real time.

On any given day, you could find her home full of children from around the neighborhood. Her home had an open door and was overflowing with love, fun and offered a safe and nurturing atmosphere to all who were invited inside. She was compassionate, selfless, and loved taking care of others, even if it meant putting herself last and sometimes not at all.

Bessie was preceded in death by her Father, Sylvester Blake, Grandparents, Bessie and Jack Leake, 2 Aunts, 4 Uncles and 1 Grandson.

She leaves to cherish and honor her memory: 3 children, Renee Leake, Rashon Laurel, Jr., Rahmir Leake and granddaughter, Kamaya Dacosta, all of whom were her life and joy; Mother, Linda Leake of Orange; Brother, Johnny Leake of Newark; Sister, Dolly Williams of Newark; Brother, Clifton Leake of Thomaston, GA; Brother, Troy Leake of Newark; Brother, Buddy Leake of Irvington; Sister, Terri Williams of Newark; Brother, Kenny Williams of Newark; Sister, Melissa Moore of East Orange; Sister, Carrie Banks of Newark; Brother-in-Law, Larry Williams, Jr. of Newark; Sister-in-Law, Katina Leake of Newark; Sister-in-Law, Kim Jones of Irvington; Son-in-Law, Junior Dacosta of East Orange; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Bessie will be missed immensely and will live on eternally in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



Order of Service

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell

Scripture Readings Silvia Fuller

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Selection.....Tyrone Dunlap

RemarksFamily & Friends (2 Minutes please)

Poem Willey Henry

Condolences and Obituary

EulogyRev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell

RecessionalClergy & Family

Cremation (Private)

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, NJ



Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



Acknowledgement

We recognize your presence here today and acknowledge with deep appreciation your many expressions of love, concern, and kindness. We pray that each of you will be showered with God's blessings. ~The Family

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