

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Leola W. Richardson

Sunrise
June 11, 1942

Sunset
January 19, 2025



Obituary

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation: Whom Shall I fear? Psalm 27:1

Leola M. Richardson, affectionately known as Lola or Lee, was born on June 11, 1942 in Cochran, Georgia.

She transitioned to her eternal home on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

She was the daughter of the late George Ruben and Essie Mae (Brown) Carswell. She was predeceased by her husband, Purcell Richardson Sr., and sons, Purcell Jr. and Donnie Richardson and daughters, Joanne, Connie, Diana, Patricia and Georganna Richardson.

Leola went through the Bleckley County Education system in Cochran, GA. She found Christ at an early age at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in GA.

Upon relocating to New Jersey she started her career with Universal Manufacturing company in Paterson, NJ. Then went to work at Teva Pharmaceuticals until retirement in 2006.

She joined Christ Temple Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Freddie Roberson where she has been a faithful member for over 60 years. She was a member of The Women's Senior Choir, Women's Fellowship Ministry, Church Missionary, Golden Heart Ministry and Culinary Ministry. She enjoyed being an active member of her AARP community and was a Stars of Today #176 life member. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Passaic County National Council of Negro Women, Passaic County African Women 100 Plus, Grandparents Resource, and she spent time feeding the homeless along with her church family.

Leola enjoyed traveling to GA to spend time with her mother until her passing in Fall 2022. She enjoyed watching *The Waltons* and *The Heat of the Night*. She had a gift for cooking and bringing people together and always enjoyed family gatherings.

Leola enjoyed spending her free time with her close family and friends. She is survived by her daughters, Brenda Avery (Darryl Avery) of Teaneck, NJ and Martha Hemingway (Melvin Hemingway) of Wilmington, NC; beloved granddaughter, Brooke Avery; she was blessed with many bonus grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Avery Carswell of Cochran, GA, Mattie (David Hightower) of Byron, GA, and Joanne and Clifford Hightower of Orlando, FL, and brother, Robert Carswell of Paterson, NJ and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Friday, February 7, 2025 - 7:00pm

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

36 Hopper Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Weldon McWilliams IV, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kay Banks-Worship Leader

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Deacon Julia Richardson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Pastor Cedric J. McKoy

New Testament - Reverend Dr. Scott O. Cumberbatch

Prayer of Comfort

CTBC Deacon Board

Selection

Brother Kevin Johnson

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Sister Tamika Killins

Selection

Brother Kevin Johnson

Words of Comfort

Pastor Weldon McWilliams IV

Recessional

Interment

Saturday, February 8, 2025 - 10am

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

200 McLean Blvd

Paterson, New Jersey

PALLBEARERS : NEPHEWS AND GRANDSONS

**FLOWER ATTENDANTS- CTBC MISSIONARY
AND PASSAIC COUNTY AFRICAN WOMEN 100 PLUS**



Acknowledgment

The family 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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