

Celebration of Life Service

Thelma Brawley Turner

Sunday, February 6, 2021 at 2:00 pm
Minister William “Kelly” Brawley, Officiating

The Processional

The Invocation

The Selection: “Come Into This Place” Regina Belle

The Scriptures Reading

Old Testament: *Ecclesiastes 1:13*

New Testament: *John 14:1-3*

The Selection: “Am I Living in Vail” Clark Sisters

The Prayer of Comfort

The Selection: “The Battle is the Lord’s” Yolanda Adams

The Remarks

The Acknowledgements and Presentation Director

The Eulogy Minister William “Kelly” Brawley

The Selection: “Shackles” Mary Mary

The Committal

At The Belmont Cemetery

The Placing of the Casket

The Final Departure

Because the Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow, no more suffering or pain, now there is everlasting peace because the angels came.

Only God knows what is best and He gently holds my hand guiding me to a better place because the angles came.

When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer not my name, please don't cry ... rejoice with me because the angles came.

I now can rest in peace as I never could before.

I answer the gentle knock of the angels at my door.

So please don't mourn for me as new wings I now claim.

I can take my flight to heave because the angles came.

Hannah McCarty

Celebrating The Life Of

Thelma Rosetta Brawley Turner

Sunrise March 26, 1950 - Sunset January 14, 2021

A smile for all, a heart of gold

One of the finest this world could hold

Never selfish, always kind

These are the blessings, she leaves behind...

Thelma (fondly known as Aunt T and Ma T) Turner was born to David Emery and Rosetta Summers Brawley on March 26, 1950 in Statesville, NC. She departed her earthly life on January 14, 2021 at 4:44 am in Marietta, GA. Thelma was the youngest of five children. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings Lucy Brawley Moore, Oscar Lewis Brawley, and Malinda Lane Brawley.



She leaves to cherish her memory two children, Monica L Turner of Seattle, WA, Lemuel D. Turner Jr. (Lana) of Acworth, GA and her grandson, Jordon Turner, also of Acworth, GA. She also leaves her sister, Vivian Brawley Williams (Odell) of

Statesville, NC. Also cherishing her memory is her lifelong friend LaFonda Blair of Statesville, NC, who was as close as a sister and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, classmates, and friends.

Thelma was baptized into Mount Pleasant AME Zion Church at an early age. She was educated in the segregated public schools of Statesville and Iredell County where she graduated from the Morningside High School in 1968. After graduation Thelma married Lemuel D. Turner (deceased). The two were the proud parents of Monica and Lemuel Jr. Thelma and Lemuel Sr. were married for over thirty years before dissolution. They remained friends and neither remarried. Lemuel preceded Thelma in death.

As a military spouse, Thelma travelled with Lemuel to nine different states including Florida, Utah, and Arkansas. Always the scientist at heart Thelma took the opportunity to enroll in an Associate of Nursing Program at the University of Arkansas Science Center and graduated in 1982. She received her BSN in nursing from Chapman University of California.

Thelma entered the profession and served as a registered nurse across the United States including St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita, KS, Good Samaritan, and VA Hospitals in Dayton, OH, St. Elizabeth Hospital in Ogden, UT, DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne, WY, and she retired from Kennestone General Hospital in Marietta, GA. Thelma was a member of multiple clubs and organizations including the Philippine Nurses Association of Georgia.

Thelma had several hobbies including cruising, gaming and being a cat mother to her cats, Thomas, Jerry, and Camilla. The activities Thelma

loved above all else was spending time with her family. She was known to get into a ferocious nerf dart fight with her grandson Jordan. She started and encouraged the annual Brawley Family reunion and never let us skip a year until the pandemic occurred. Thelma was the person you could always count on to call you out of the blue especially when you needed to hear a friendly voice to cheer you up. She was always sending funny jokes and notes to everyone. She always had a funny story to tell.

Although Thelma was short in stature. She was a giant to her family and friends. She was always ready for prime time, hair, nails and dress looking just right. She was the best mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend anyone could ever ask for. She was just Thelma and she was just right.

We love you and we miss you Thelma. You were kind to all of us and we know that you loved us too.



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Thelma B. Turner



Casket Bearers
1968

Flower Bearers
1968



With Our T hanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Thelma and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The Family

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