

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of *Marcella L. Lee-Benson* knowledges with sincere appreciation, your understanding, prayers and all acts of kindness extended during this time of bereavement. Your presence here today meant a lot to our family. May God bless you.

Active Pallbearers

Phillip Owens
Michael Lee Sr.
Robert Sanders
Larcenia Owens
Cedrick Henderson
Herschel Johnson Sr.

Floral Bearers

Nieces of Marcella L. Lee Benson
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Inturnment

Private inturnment will be held at a later date.

Arrangements especially for the Lee-Benson family by:



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In Loving Memory



Marcella L. Lee-Benson

Sunrise: July 25, 1928 Sunset: February 11, 2017

Service

**Saturday, February 18, 2017
1100 a.m.**

**Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel
401 SW Harrison Street
Topeka, Kansas 66603**

**Evangelist Eunice Jackson - Officiant
The Historic Boone Tabernacle Church
Of God in Christ**

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OUR BELOVED MARCELLA

Marcella "Mama/Big Mama" Lucille Lee-Benson was a beautiful 88 years young. She was born on July 25, 1928 in Topeka, Kansas to the late Sylvia "Goldie" Redmon-Lee and Harry J. Lee. Marcella was the second eldest daughter of five children, one living sister, Aleda J. Owens-Jones, one sister, Lyda and two brothers, Edward T. and James A. Lee whom preceded her in death.

Marcella grew up in Topeka and there she dedicated her life to Christ. She relocated to Chicago, Illinois where she later met her future husband, Willie Benson (deceased) and later married him having six children; Judy, Donnie, Evon, Willie, Verdale and Ervin. Verdale and Ervin have preceded her in death. She later remarried, Jessie McCray (deceased) who had one son, Jerry. To her loving family, she was a loving wife and mother.

Marcella and her husband, Willie opened their own business calling it, Marcella's. They worked together for many years. Marcella later went to work for Plochman's Mustard Company in Chicago, where she retired. After retiring from Plochman's she returned to working for what she loved to do most, helping others. She had a golden heart for people and her door was always open to those in need; whether it was for food, clothing, shelter, or even monetary gifts that she gave selflessly. She even started fostering children until she decided to relocate back to Topeka to take care of her family. Family was especially important to her and she truly enjoyed being a grandmother and caring for them. She was affectionately known to everyone as "Mama" and the great-grandchildren gave her the name "Big Mama," a name which she loved. She was the ROCK and FOUNDATION of our family.

Marcella's transition home occurred amongst family on Saturday, February 11, 2017. She leaves to cherish her memories, one Aleda J. Owens-Jones, one sister-in-law, Galena Lee both of Topeka, Kansas, two daughters, Judy M. Washington-Mosley (Otis) of Coal City, Illinois, Evon L. Lee-Wilson (Sylvester, deceased) of Chicago, Illinois, her three sons, Donnie R. Lee and Willie "Boo" E. Lee (Beverly-deceased) both of Topeka, KS., and David E. Benson (Connie) of Salt Lake City, Utah. Marcella also has 28 grandchildren, Deneen, Sylvester, Gregory, Markyta (Alex), Ashley, Lakyta (Henry), Verdale Jr., Antonio (Sandy), Miquel, Yolanda (Randy), Tishonda (Tye), Lititia, Misty (Kris), Caroline (Joe), Dearmond, Dion, Latasha, Leyale, Donnique, Kevin, Ethan, Marty, Shondelle, Torean, Isaiah, Nehemiah, Dustin, Jason, Jeremy; 27 great-grandchildren, Tramisha, Alise (Bobby), Kaila, Shanta, Deja', Jia (Emanuel), Elijah, Jacob, Keaira, Ava, Arden, Dylan, Katlyn, Lillianna, Tayah, Maci-Jo, Quincy, Rees, Henry Jr., Aniyah, Sofia, Spencer, Sola Jamyah, Alyssa, Kylece, Daneshia; four great great-grandchildren, Raphael, Gabriel, Nalah, Joshua; one daughter-in-law, Claudette (Verdale); three special daughters, Debra Lane, Terri Brinkerhoff and Margaret "Peggy" Petty; three special sons, Louis Fletcher, Aaron Lee Wheeler and Paul Thomas and a multitude of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Marcella's beautiful spirit of life will be forever cherished in all the lives that she affected.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Remembering Grandma

No words can express the pain that we feel .
The loss of you is very real.

You loved us, each one, in your own special way.

That love is what we'll remember in the coming days.

You would never sugar coat your words or bite your tongue.

Those words sprinkled with love groomed us, each one.

You loved your family so very fiercely.

The sound of your voice we will miss immensely.

We are all so proud to say we are products of you.

You raised us, gave us strength to make it through.

So no goodbyes, today will be sad,

Although tears will be shed,

Rest easy in knowing you raised us to be strong;

And in the fact that your love and legacy lives on.

Ama Siempre Abuele!
Love always Grandma!
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