

Celebration of Life



Octavia J. Perry

02.24.1957

03.28.2018



SERVICE OF LOVE
FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018
11 O'CLOCK AM

VIEWING 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM



CLAUDE J. EDNEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

634 SHARON AVENUE, DARBY TOWNSHIP, PA. 19079

PASTOR TRACY G. MALLORY, EULOGIST

MILLENNIUM BAPTIST CHURCH

Octavia Y. Perry

Octavia affectionately known as "Yetta" was the youngest of eight children. "Yetta" was baptized at an early age at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church. She received her education in the Philadelphia Archdiocese School System and from there she attended James Martin School of nursing, which led Yetta to being a devoted nurse for over 36 years. She gave her talents to Byberry Psychiatric Hospital and other health care facilities throughout the Tri-State area. Octavia met and fell in love with the late Lorenzo Graham and from this union one daughter was born, Ericka Shawntell. Yetta was a very outspoken and feisty person who enjoyed life to the fullest and was adored by many. She enjoyed reading long novels, baking and a great love for singing. Yetta baked the best pineapple upside down cake on this side of Woodland Ave.

Yetta helped to rear Tyrone David Knowles and Nadirah McLean which they affectionally called her "YET-YET" AND Mom-Mom. Later Octavia met and married the late Wendell "Jackie" Harris. Through that union she gained two lovely children; Coena Harris and Wendell "Drew" Harris a one brother in law the late Gerald "Jerry" Franklin who she was devoted to and cared for until he passed. Yetta and Jackie could be seen playing cards, going to the casino, entertaining family and friends at their home.

Octavia was proceeded in death by her brother Robert Perry; Sisters Carol Knowles and Lillian Saunders.

She leaves to cherish many memories with her daughter Ericka Abdur Rashid and Son in law Husain Abdur Rashid; four siblings: Vivian Strawberry, Elizabeth Perry, Deborah Stewart (Carldine), and Lonnie Perry. Four loved children Tyrone, Coena, Wendell "Drew" and Nadirah. Five grandchildren: Gabriel, Ezekiel, Malik, Jordan and baby Girl along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.





THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Family and Pastor Tracy G. Mallory

Closing of the Bier

Claude J. Edney Funeral Home Staff

Hymn of Comfort

Blessed Assurance

Scripture Readings

Michael Stewart

Old Testament & New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Chaketa Belgrave

Selection

Rochelle Helm

Poems Family Tributes & Remarks

Acknowledgment of Cards & Solutions

Gail Graves

Reading of the Obituary

Ayana Williams

Selection

Rohelle Helm

Message of Faith

Pastor Tracy G. Mallory, Millennium Baptist Church

Benediction and Recessional


Interment


Mt. Zion Cemetery, Darby, PA

Repast

Divinity Hall

6011 Market Street, Phila PA 19135





More Than Just a Guardian:

I wrecked my brain on what to say and how to say them. I wrecked my brain on how to describe you and all that you taught me. I wrecked my brain trying to find a solid ground since you were concrete. I wrecked my brain on how to block out the world, since you were my headphones. I wrecked my brain on so many things but I'll never wreck my brain on how much you loved me because it taught me what real unconditional love looks and feel like. I thank you a million times over but I feel like it still wouldn't be enough to tell you how grateful I was to have you. You are and always will be a mother to me.

Love now and forever. Na-Na



A Mother Just Like You

I just want you to know you mean the world to me

Only a heart as dear as yours

Would give so unselfishly

The many things you've done

All the times that you were there

Help me know deep down inside


How much you really care


Even though I might not say

I appreciate all you do

Richly blessed is how I feel

Having a mother just like you.





I Made It Home

I just wanted to let you all know
that I made it home.

The journey wasn't an easy one,
but it didn't take too long.

Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh and new.

I wish that you could close your eyes
and that you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me.

Try to understand

God is taking care of me...

I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness,
no sorrow, and no pain.

Here there is no crying
and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful
when all the angels sing.

I really have to go for now...

I've just got to try my wings.



~Acknowledgments~

Words seem so inadequate to express our appreciation for the prayers and thoughtfulness of everyone during these hours so difficult to accept. We thank you for your cards, electronic and verbal messages, flowers, and all acts of kindness extended when most needed.



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