



Pallbearers

Keambi Thomas
Jarmarr Howard
John Wentland

Bomani Thomas
Mosi Wallace, Jr.

Martell Black
Daris Wallace
Malachi Boyd

Honorary Pallbearers

William R. Smith, Jr.
DaShon Allen

Nathan Frieson
Mosi Wallace, Sr.

Flowers Bearers

Regina Black
Ronisha Looper-Lofton
Trashonna Bellamy

Kimalecia Ellis
Telecia Johnson
Da'Jour Leard



God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered 'Come with Me.'



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A Celebration of Life for

Sunrise
May 19, 1962

Sunset
May 19, 2024



"May the Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Frances Irene
Howard



Friday, May 31, 2024
Service: 11:00 a.m.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4646 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana
Rev. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock, Eulogist
Rev. Maudine McCurine Wordlaw, Officiating

A Blessed Life

FRANCES IRENE HOWARD, the youngest child of Inez and John Bell Howard Sr., was born on May 19, 1962. She was called to be with the Lord on her birthday, May 19, 2024. Preceding her in death were her parents; her grandmother, Eugenia Carswell; her grandfather, Booker T. George Washington Chapman; her two aunts, Ruby Lee Chapman and Fannie Clemmons; her sister, Annette Smith; her two brothers, William R. Smith Sr. and John Bell Howard Jr.; and her niece, Sherida Lynn Smith.



FRANCES was a standout athlete, earning recognition as a women's basketball all-star at Broad Ripple High School. Her passion for life extended beyond sports into her deep faith and commitment to her community.

In 1986, Frances joined Light of the World Christian Church under the pastoral leadership of Bishop Tom Garrett Benjamin Sr. She became a devoted member of the Voices of the Light choir, sharing her musical gifts and spirit with the congregation. Frances possessed an undeniable gift of prayer, which she nurtured as a dedicated member of the Prayer Warriors auxiliary, taking great pride in her role.

FRANCES' life was marked by her profound love for her two cherished fur babies, Gabriel and Jeremiah, who predeceased her.

Gabriel and Jeremiah were not just pets to Frances they were her children. Her devotion to them was evident in the joy and care she lavished upon them, celebrating their lives with birthday parties and countless moments of affection. Their bond was extraordinary, a testament to her kind and nurturing spirit.

FRANCES will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially those who witnessed the love she shared with Gabriel and Jeremiah.

Professionally, Frances was a beloved kindergarten teacher, dedicating her career to nurturing and educating young children. She loved children with her whole heart and served many years as an educator until her retirement in 2011.

FRANCES impacted the lives of all she encountered, always willing to lend a helping hand, a listening ear, or a praying heart. She was a great leader and protector of her neighbors in the Meridian Apartments, where she resided for 26 years.

Frances loved her family, supporting each of them in their accomplishments. She facilitated many family functions, enjoyed game nights, raced RC cars, constructed model cars, and engaged in various arts and crafts.

She prayed her loved ones through many hard times and was a mother figure and loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews, imparting wisdom, the importance of faith, and hard work. Her unwavering love, support, and constant encouragement enriched the lives of her great-great-nieces Emmaleigh, Kalie, and Kadince.

FRANCES leaves to cherish her memory her aunt Evelyn Ruth Raines; her sisters Juanita Wallace-Thomas and Jane (Susie) Howard-Looper; her godchildren DaShon Allen and Telecia Johnson (David); her devoted nieces and nephews Regina Black, Kimalecia Ellis (TraShonna Bellamy), Ronisha Lofton (D'niro), William Smith Jr., Nathan Frieson (Jackie), Mosi Wallace (Alonza), Keambi Thomas (Kyla), Bomani Thomas (Felicia), Martell Black (Shellie), Jarmarr Howard, Mashara Howard, Asha Howard, and Shaquila Howard; beloved friends Debbie Sawyer and Felecia Coleman; and a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Family Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower piece,
If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you said the kindest words, That
any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much - Whatever the part.

The Family of Frances Howard

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you never went alone,
for a part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.
A million times we missed you, A million times we cried,
If love could have saved you, you never would have died.
To the grave you travel,
Our flowers placed with care,
No-one knows the heartache, as we turn to leave you there.
If tears could build a stairway,
and memories could make a lane,
we would walk right up to heaven,
and bring you home again.*

+ Order of Service +

Rev. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock, Eulogist
Senior Pastor, Light of the World Christian Church

Rev. Maudine McCurine Wordlaw, Officiating
Minister of Bereavement, Light of the World Christian Church

PROCESSIONAL.....Ministers, Elders, Deacons
LWCC Prayer Warriors, Family

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING STATEMENT

INVOCATION.....ELDER MYRON RICHARDSON

SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT.....*Psalm 23*.....DEACON DANA WATTS
NEW TESTAMENT.....*Romans 8:28-39*.....REV. SHEILA SPENCER

MUSIC MINISTRY.....MINISTER SHARON WARFIELD
"For Every Mountain"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....REV. MAUDINE WORDLAW

OBITUARY.....(*Read Silently*).....*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

MUSIC MINISTRY.....DEBBIE SAWYER
"A Prayer Away"

TRIBUTES
LIGHT OF THE WORLD PRAYER WARRIORS
JOYCE JAMES, Undershepherd
FAMILY.....*"NEPHEWS"*.....BOMANI M. THOMAS
FAMILY.....*"NIECES"*.....RONISHA M. LOOPER-LOFTON
PASTORAL VIDEO TRIBUTE
BISHOP T. GARROTT BENJAMIN, JR.

MUSIC MINISTRY.....DEBBIE SAWYER
"Walk Around Heaven"

WORDS OF COMFORT.....REV. R. JANAЕ PITTS-MURDOCK

BENEDICTION.....

RECESSIONAL *"Goin Up Yonder"*

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