



#### PALLBEARERS

DERRICK JONES DWAYNE GALLAGHER, JR  
NICHOLAS GALLAGHER ANGELO GALLAGHER  
JULIAN GALLAGHER CLARENCE GALLAGHER, III  
ANTWON GALLAGHER SHEVRIN JONES

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

COUSINS AND NEPHEWS

#### REVELATION 21: 4-5

"AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES; AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW, NOR CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN: FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY. AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID, BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. AND HE SAID UNTO ME, WRITE: FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUE AND FAITHFUL."

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WE, THE FAMILY OF ARLENE W. GALLAGHER EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SHOW YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS AND LOVE DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

WE RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE THROUGH YOUR COMFORTING WORDS, SELFLESS DEEDS AND ACTS OF KINDNESS IS SIMPLY A DEMONSTRATION OF "LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER" AS GOD COMMANDED IN HIS WORD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE FOR OUR MOTHER, AUNT, GRANDMOTHER, AND DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

#### REPAST

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"I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID,  
BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL"

*Maya Angelou*



A CELEBRATION OF THE  
LIFE, LOVE AND LEGACY  
OF

**ARLENE**  
*W. Gallagher*

APRIL 7, 1930

OCTOBER 10, 2021

**OCTOBER 23, 2021 | 11:00 AM**

DR. ERIC H. JONES, JR., EULOGIST

PASTOR JAMES WALDEN, OFFICIATING

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## JOURNEY OF LIFE

# ARLENE

*W. Gallagher*

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel". *Maya Angelou*

A MOTHER, A GRANDMOTHER, A GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, A GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER, A GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER, A WOMAN OF WISDOM, AND A KIND-HEARTED SERVANT ARE A FEW OF THE NUMEROUS ATTRIBUTES THAT DESCRIBE ARLENE W. GALLAGHER. AND SHE MADE EVERYONE FEEL BLESSED THAT THEY WERE IN HER FUN-LOVING PRESENCE.

### HER EARLY YEARS

ARLENE W. GALLAGHER WAS BORN ONE OF FIVE CHILDREN TO THE LATE THADDEOUS BOWLEG AND BLONEVA RITCHIE ON APRIL 7, 1930, IN PITTSBURG, PA. AT AN EARLY AGE SHE AND HER FAMILY RELOCATED TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. SHE RECEIVED HER EARLY EDUCATION IN THE DADE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM AT PHYLLIS WHEATLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HER HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION WAS RECEIVED AT DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, BUT SHE GRADUATED IN 1946 FROM BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL. ARLENE WAS A HIGH STEPPING BATON MAJORETTE DURING HER HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.

### HER TIME TO FALL IN LOVE AND GIVE LOVE

IN MARCH 1948, ARLENE FELL IN LOVE AND MARRIED CLARENCE GALLAGHER, SR. (DECEASED). TO THIS UNION, GOD BLESSED THE COUPLE WITH 8 CHILDREN, TWO (DECEASED). TO DATE ARLENE HAS 20 GRANDCHILDREN, 23 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, 55 GREAT, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, 5 GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, 3 GODCHILDREN: TYLEK WRIGHT, ZACHARY GUICE, AND ZAIRE GUICE, AND ONE SPECIAL BIRTHDAY BUDDY, FELICIA WRIGHT.

### HER FAMILY LIFE AND PROFESSION

ARLENE ENJOYED BEING DOLLED UP BY MAKING SURE SHE HAD THE LATEST HAIR STYLES. IN 1954, SHE GRADUATED FROM SUNLIGHT BEAUTY SCHOOL IN MIAMI FLORIDA AND BECAME AN ENTREPRENEUR. SHE OPENED HER BEAUTY SALON ON 56TH AVENUE IN CARVER RANCHES AND WAS KNOWN FOR HER SPECIAL SKILLS IN HAIR STYLING. IN 1968 SHE OPENED HER SECOND BUSINESS ALONG WITH HER MOTHER, BLONEVA RITCHIE, "RITCHIE'S FISH MARKET - YOU BUY, WE FRY". ARLENE LOVED SERVING AND WORKING WITH PEOPLE. SHE WAS A HARD WORKER AND DEDICATED TO PROVIDING FOR HER FAMILY. SHE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS WORKING FOR EASTERN AIRLINES PREPPING LUNCHES AND PULLMAN TRAIN STATION AS A CAR CLEANER. ARLENE FOUND THE CAREER SHE ENJOYED WORKING AS A BEAUTICIAN FOR THE FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL FOR 10 YEARS, AFTER WHICH SHE SPENT 32 YEARS UNTIL HER RETIREMENT EMPLOYED BY HOLLYWOOD PAVILION HOSPITAL. HER LOVE FOR PEOPLE AFFORDED HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS AND INCREASED HER EXTENDED FAMILY.

HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO GOD AND COMMUNITY  
ARLENE WAS RAISED AS A GOD-FEARING CHILD AND HAD A STRONG FAITH AND BELIEF IN GOD AND HIS WORD. IN THE EARLY 50'S SHE AND HER FAMILY BECAME MEMBERS OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CARVER RANCHES (WEST PARK) WHERE SHE SERVED FAITHFULLY IN THE CHOIR. SHE BECAME A MEMBER OF KOINONIA WORSHIP CENTER & VILLAGE IN 1991 WHERE HER SON-IN-LOVE, DR. ERIC H. JONES, JR., AND HER DAUGHTER, BLONEVA (GALLAGHER) JONES FOUNDED. SHE IMMEDIATELY JOINED THE MASS CHOIR AND WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE SENIOR PEARLS MINISTRY. ARLENE WANTED TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN HER SENIOR YEARS, SO SHE APPLIED AND WAS HIRED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AS A POLL WORKER. AS A POLL WORKER, ARLENE RECONNECTED WITH SOME OLD FRIENDS AND MADE NEW ONES. ARLENE TOUCHED ALL AGE GROUPS; SHE WAS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH HER LOVE. SHE SHOWERED HER LOVE WITH THE YOUTH BY VOLUNTEERING AT HER DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL, MIMI'S LEARNING CENTER. THE CHILDREN AFFECTIONATELY CALLED HER, "GRANDMA," BECAUSE THE LOVE SHE HAD FOR THEM WAS THE SAME LOVE SHE GAVE HER OWN CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND ALL THOSE SHE MET.

### HER TRAVELS AND EXPLORATIONS

ARLENE ALWAYS HAD THE DESIRE TO TRAVEL. SHE FINALLY RECEIVED THAT OPPORTUNITY TO CRUISE WITH HER CLOSE FRIEND, BLANCHE JONES. THEY WOULD BECOME ROOMMATES AND TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN 2013.

SHE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED CRUISING. SHE TRAVELED WITH KOINONIA ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY CRUISES TO THE BAHAMAS, PUERTO RICO, ST. MAARTEN, ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ANTIGUA, AND BARBADOS. ARLENE TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF LIFE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE REST OF THE WORLD AND ALL GOD HAD CREATED.

### HER LIFE'S PASSION

ARLENE LIFE'S PASSION WAS TO BE THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER IN THE LIFE OF EVERYONE SHE ENCOUNTERED.

"THE SOUND OF LAUGHTER IS A THING OF BEAUTY."

"WHEN YOU LAUGH THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU." THAT IS WHAT ARLENE'S PRESENCE RADIATED TO EVERYONE SHE MET. MANY PEOPLE SHARED HOW ARLENE MADE THEM FEEL WHENEVER THEY WERE AROUND HER. ONE PERSON STATED, "I COULD NOT CRY WHEN I WAS TOLD MRS. GALLAGHER DIED BECAUSE SHE MADE ME FEEL SO GOOD AND FILLED MY HEART WITH SO MUCH JOY AND LAUGHTER. SHE WILL BE MISSED. SHE WAS SO FUNNY. IF YOU WERE FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF AND FEELING SAD, MRS. GALLAGHER COULD ALWAYS FIND A SPOT IN YOUR HEART AND WOULD DRIVE YOUR SADNESS AWAY."

ARLENE EXEMPLIFIED HAPPINESS EACH DAY, WHETHER AT HOME, CHURCH, OR THROUGH HER DAY-TO-DAY INTERACTION WITH OTHERS. SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERYONE IS DEALING WITH THEIR OWN BATTLES WHICH YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. HAVING THAT MINDSET MADE IT LESS DIFFICULT FOR HER TO TREAT OTHERS WITH LOVE, COMPASSION, EMPATHY, AND UNDERSTANDING.

ARLENE'S LIFE PASSIONS WERE TO LOVE OTHERS, GIVE, AND NOT ASK FOR NOTHING IN RETURN; TO LEAVE A SMILE ON YOUR FACE, AND TO FILL YOUR HEART WITH AN OVERFLOWING WITH JOY.



### HER MEMORY REMAINS ALIVE THROUGH HER LEGACY

ARLENE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CHEERFUL AND UPBEAT SPIRIT AND ALWAYS LEAVING US WITH A KIND WORD AND GESTURE OF LOVE. HER LEGACY WILL BE KEPT ALIVE AND CHERISHED BY THOSE SHE LOVED DEARLY:

#### HER SONS:

CLARENCE GALLAGHER, SR.  
DWAYNE GALLAGHER (ANGIE)

#### HER DAUGHTERS:

BETTY ANDERSON  
BLONEVA JONES (DR. ERIC H. JONES JR.)  
MONETTA WHITEHEAD (DECENZEO)  
SHAROUN GALLAGHER

#### HER GRANDCHILDREN:

SHON ANDERSON  
WILLIAM ANDERSON, JR. (DECEASED)  
JERVON ANDERSON  
DERRICK JONES (NICOLE)  
KANEIL JONES, SR. (DECEASED)  
SHEVRIN JONES  
CLARENCE GALLAGHER JR. (SHENITHA)  
ANGELO GALLAGHER (KESHIA)  
SHANAE GALLAGHER  
JANEL GALLAGHER  
JULIAN GALLAGHER  
NICHOLAS GALLAGHER  
ANTWON GALLAGHER (JESSICA)  
DEVON WHITEHEAD  
DECENZEO WHITEHEAD II  
NICHELLE WHITEHEAD-BROWN (LEVY)  
MONIQUE WHITEHEAD  
TIFFANY WHITEHEAD  
DARIEN GALLAGHER



**ARLENE**  
*W. Gallagher*

PSALM 107: 1, "OH GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD:  
HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER."



## OUR TRIBUTE (CHILDREN)

How do you say goodbye to one who has always been a special part of your life? How do you say goodbye to one who holds a prime estate in your heart? How do you say goodbye to a mentor? A friend whose love you can depend on. How do you say goodbye to one who is gone from us that has been an inspiration our entire lives? How do you say goodbye to one who was so giving, caring and selfless? How do you say goodbye to one who gave us a lifetime of strength, support, and love? How do you say goodbye to one who sacrificed everything to ensure our needs were met? How do you say goodbye to one who always had a timely word of encouragement when confronted with life's challenges?

MOM WOULD ALWAYS SAY, "GET YOUR CHIN OUT OF YOUR CHEST, HOLD YOUR HEAD UP, LOOSEN YOUR BRA STRAP, MIND YOUR BUSINESS AND TRUST IN THE LORD!" THE BOYS JOKED, SAYING, "MOMMA, WE DON'T HAVE NO BRA STRAP!" HER RESPONSE, "LOOSEN WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S GOT YOU HOLDING YOUR HEAD DOWN!" THANK YOU, MOMMA! WE WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD WITH YOU. YOUR STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE THAT YOU INSTILLED IN US WAS ON FULL DISPLAY DURING THE CLOSING CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE. WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR AMAZING SENSE OF HUMOR, YOUR CHEERFUL PLEASANT WAYS THAT WON THE HEARTS OF SO MANY.

YOUR VIBRANT, HIGH-SPIRITED, AND NO-NONSENSE ATTITUDE KEPT US ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW.  
HOW DO YOU SAY GOODBYE? YOU DON'T!  
IT WILL ALWAYS BE, SEE YOU LATER!





# THE BROKEN CHAIN

WE LITTLE KNEW THAT DAY,  
GOD WAS GOING TO CALL YOUR NAME.  
IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY,  
IN DEATH, WE DO THE SAME.

IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU.  
YOU DID NOT GO ALONE.  
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU,  
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.

YOU LEFT US BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES,  
YOUR LOVE IS STILL OUR GUIDE.  
AND ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SEE YOU,  
YOU ARE ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE.

OUR FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN,  
AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME,  
BUT AS GOD CALLS US ONE BY ONE,  
THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN.



# TO OUR WONDERFUL LOVING GRANDMA

*Y*OU ARE HOME WITH GOD NOW, AND THAT, IN ITSELF, IS BEAUTIFUL. WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER SICK, AND THAT YOU ARE AT PEACE. LOSING YOU BROKE OUR HEARTS, AND STILL WE CANNOT COMPREHEND THE FACT THAT YOU ARE GONE. WE TAKE COMFORT AND JOY IN KNOWING THAT WE WILL MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY. WE ARE PROUD BEYOND WORDS TO BE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN. YOU TAUGHT US TO LOVE, FORGIVE AND BE STRONG. YOU WERE A MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, AND YOU ALWAYS PUT OUR FAMILY FIRST. YOU WERE THE GLUE THAT KEPT US TOGETHER. YOU ALWAYS TOLD US HOW MUCH YOU LOVED US. IT JUST DOES NOT SEEM REAL. TIME WILL GIVE US MORE COMFORT, BUT WE WILL NEVER LET YOUR MEMORY DIE. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SLEEPOVERS, HANGING AT YOUR HOUSE EVERY SATURDAY AND AFTER EVERY SUNDAY SERVICES. ALL THE SMALL CONVERSATIONS WE HAD WITH YOU ON THE COUCH AND LAUGHS WE SHARED. WE ALL HAD A SPECIAL BOND THAT NO ONE COULD BREAK. YOU ARE ONE OF A KIND AND SUCH A BLESSING. YOU ARE THE BEST GRANDMA WE COULD EVER ASK FOR. WE FEEL YOU WITH US AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL, AND YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR SIDES. WE WILL MISS YOU, GRANDMA. WE WILL ALL CONTINUE TO HOLD YOU IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER AND EVER.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU.

WITH ALL OUR HEARTS,

YOUR GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,  
AND GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN  
. WE LOVE YOU!







THROUGH THE YEARS

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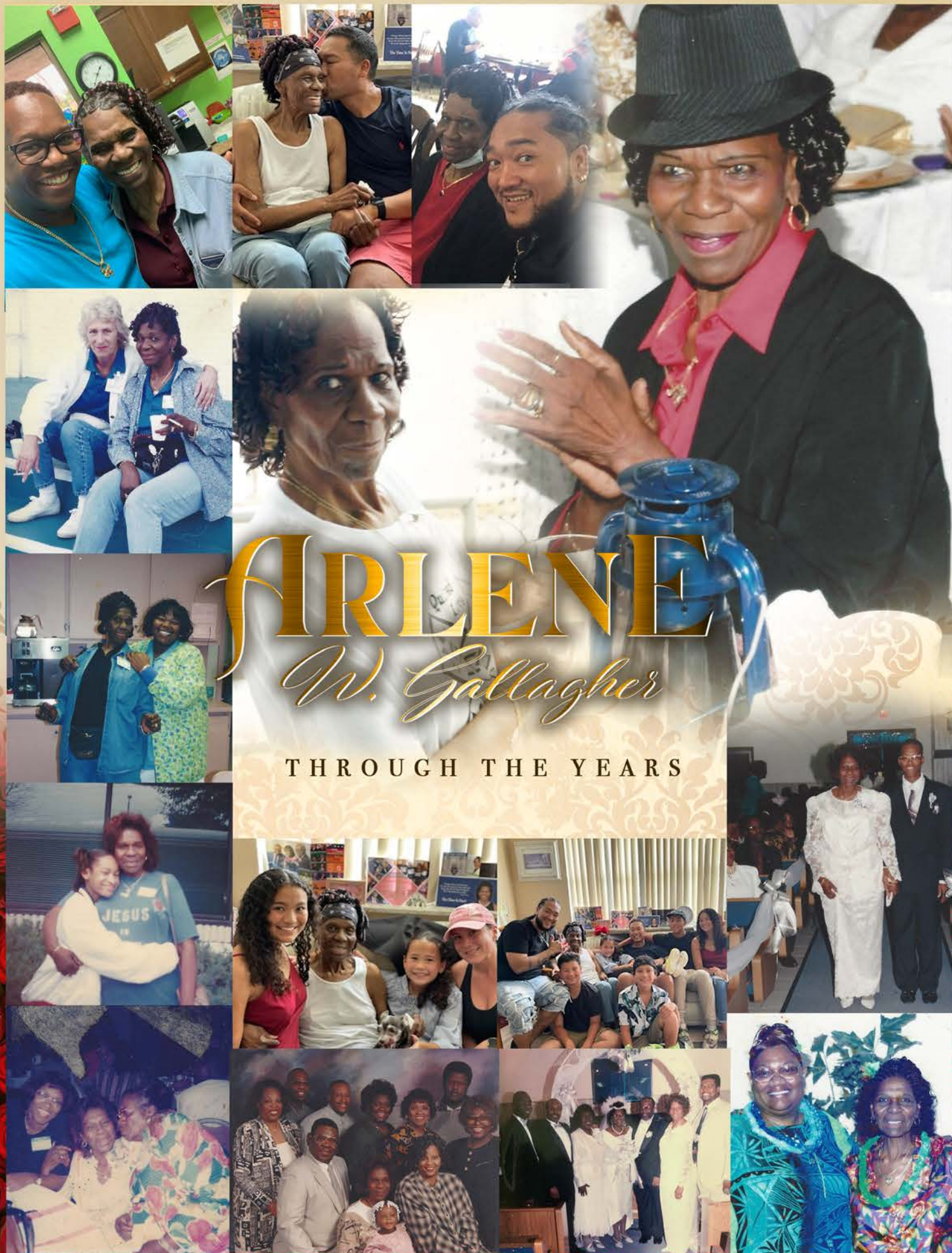
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I F R O S E S   G R O W   I N   H E A V E N

*I* F ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN,  
LORD PLEASE PICK A BUNCH FOR US, PLACE THEM IN OUR  
MOTHER'S ARMS AND TELL HER THEY'RE FROM US.  
TELL HER WE LOVE HER AND MISS HER, AND WHEN SHE  
TURNS TO SMILE, PLACE A KISS  
UPON HER CHEEK AND HOLD HER FOR A WHILE.  
BECAUSE REMEMBERING HER IS EASY,  
WE DO IT EVERY DAY,  
BUT THERE'S AN ACHE WITHIN OUR HEARTS  
THAT WILL NEVER GO AWAY.

