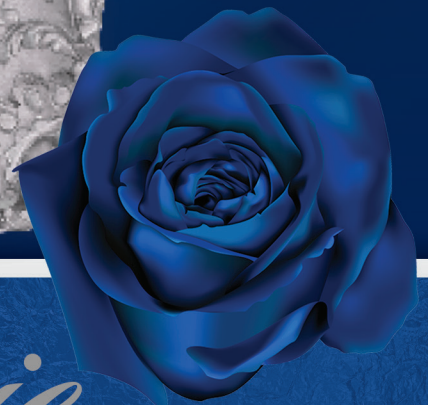


CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
*For Our Beloved*



*Marjorie*  
MARIE  
MCREYNOLDS

OCTOBER 23, 1927 - JUNE 3, 2021



# *Life Reflections*

MARJORIE MARIE HARDIMAN MCREYNOLDS was born October 23, 1927 in Princeton, Indiana to William Bonnie Hardiman and Francis Elizabeth (Russell) Hardiman. Due to the untimely death of her Mother when Marjori was only 8 years old, the village stepped in; in the persons of her Grandmother Nancy J. Hardiman, Aunts Eva Ann Hardiman Walden and Mildred Russell Walden and Uncle Lee Roy Hardiman. In sharing memories of her childhood, Marjorie always affectionately referred to them as Grandma Nancy, Aunt Evie, Aunt Mil and Uncle Buddy. Marjorie was loving known as Baby Sis, Marge and MoJo.

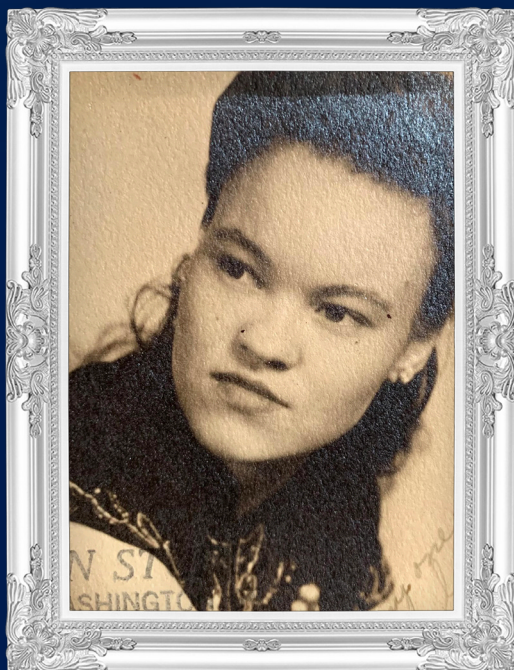
Marjorie was raised in the Princeton / Lyles Station, IN area. [Lyles Station is one of Indiana's early and few remaining black rural settlements.] She began her education at Lyles Station Consolidated School in Lyles Station, IN. [The Lyles Consolidated School was constructed in 1922. The building ceased to be used as a school in 1958. The school was the most prominent building in the community, along with the Wayman Chapel A.M.E. church. Information and artifacts from the community, school and church can now be viewed at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.] She matriculated to Lincoln High School in Princeton and after moving to Gary, IN, she graduated from Gary Roosevelt High School in 1948. Both Lincoln and Roosevelt were two of the three high schools that Black people could attend in the state of Indiana at the time. Marjorie's father William Bonnie moved to Gary, IN along with Marjorie's brother John Moses Hardiman, where her father met and married Willa Mae Hardiman. After they were settled, Marjorie moved to Gary to join her family. She continued to make Gary her home for many years.

Through friends and her new membership at Greater St. James A.M.E. Church, in 1946 she met Albert McReynolds. Their love blossomed early. They married on June 27, 1948. To this union two daughters were born, Valda and Albertine. The family extended to include two sons-in-law, Clarence Lewis and Michael Potter. The family has since grown to include 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Over the years she and Albert parented many other children in the community and church. Marjorie was the school mother at the various schools her children attended and for a short time was the first bus driver for Elka Child Center. Marjorie and Albert were married for 63 years until the Lord took Albert home in 2012.

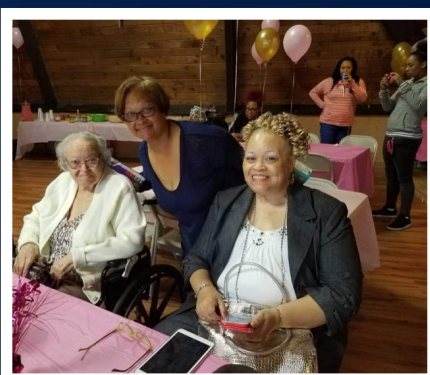
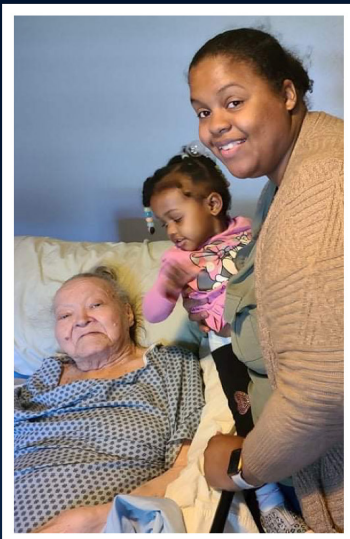
Marjorie was a joy-filled, loving woman. She loved God, her family and friends with a sweet and gentle heart. Being raised by her Grandmother and Aunts, she loved her cousins as siblings, her closest cousin/sisters being Opal (deceased 2017), Mary (deceased 2008), and Clara (deceased 1968) Walden and cousin/brother Grant (deceased 2018). Marjorie enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, fill-in word puzzles, and watching Christian television, westerns, and game shows, particularly Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She was a very active and helpful member of Greater St. James A.M.E. Church serving as church secretary, member of Usher Board #2, member of the Parkerettes, cooking with the kitchen committee and teaching vacation bible school. She also loved to spend time with her many friends throughout the community, often taking her grandchildren with her as she visited their homes.

Departing the loving care of her daughter and son Teenie and Michael in the early morning hours of June 3, 2021, a loving multitude awaited Marjorie when she arrived in heaven; Her husband Albert McReynolds, mother Francis Elizabeth, father William Bonnie Hardiman, step-mother Willa Mae Hardiman, brother and sister-in-love John Moses and Jessie "Nell" Hardiman, parents-in-love Daniel and Frankie McReynolds, son-in-love Clarence Lewis, nephew Karl Hardiman, and many more beloved ancestral family and friends.

Her loving legacy of gentle strength, unwavering love and trust in God, and heartfelt love of family and friends will live on through her daughters Valda Lewis, Albertine Potter and son-in-love Michael Potter, grandchildren Anjanette M. McReynolds Lewis, Danielle J.A. Potter, Margaret (Tony Sr.) Blake, Flora A. Lewis and Philip (Tisha) Potter; great-grandchildren Tiffany (Babatilewa) Phillips, Christopher Miller, Sydney Miller, Alexandria Potter, Nasir Lewis, Serenity Potter, Brooklyn Gray, Kristian Blake, and Ava Gray; and great-great-grandchildren Camille Miller and Omoshalewa Phillips; nephew Roderick Hardiman; great-nephew Kristopher Hardiman; God-daughter Debra Hudson; the members of Greater St. James A.M.E. Church; numerous special sons and daughters and other relatives and friends.













# Order of Service

Friday, June 11, 2021  
Visitation: ??      Service: ??  
Location:???

Musical Prelude

Procession

Clergy

Scripture

Old Testament, Proverbs 31:25-28

Danielle Potter

Scripture

New Testament, Romans 8:37-39

Flora Lewis

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

I'll Fly Away

Elaine Reliford

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Cheryl Mabone

Celebration of Life

Read Silently

Expressions of Encouragement

Bessie Gober, Great St James A.M.E. Usher Board #2

Reverend Dr. Lori Holmes, Caldwell Chapel A.M. E. Z. Church, Kankakee, IL

Reverend Harold Barnwell, Mayo A.M.E. Church, Matteson, IL

Reverend Deborah Y. Scott, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Evanston, IL

Selection

To God Be the Glory

Tia Murray

Words of Comfort

Reverend Pamela Williams, Greater St. James A.M.E. Church, Gary, IN

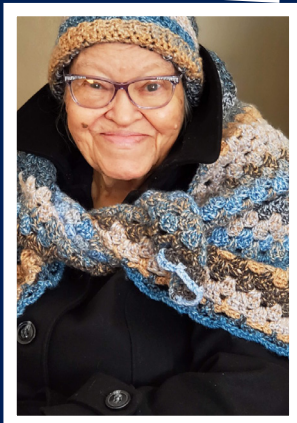
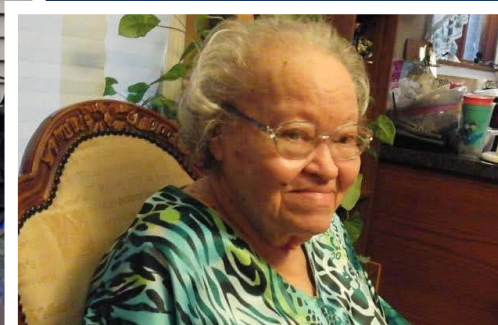
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## *Marjorie...*

*A wife, a mother, a granny too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned you sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.*





## PALLBEARERS

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Phillip Potter  
Nasir Lewis  
Kristian Blake

Christopher Miller  
Tony Blake Sr.  
Babatilewa Phillips  
Josh Johnson

Granddaughters  
Great- Granddaughters  
Great-Great-Granddaughters

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Marjorie Marie McReynolds extends our most heartfelt thanks to Michael Potter (son-n-law), Shirley Cousins, Dr. A. Rone and his staff, Mercy Hospice and Senior Helpers of Rockford, IL in their special care of our Mom.

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Internment  
Ridgelawn Cemetery  
4401 W Ridge Rd, Gary, IN 46408

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