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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

Haila LAVERNE TAYLOR

SUNRISE March 7, 1943



SUNSET May 3, 2020

Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 16, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. GREATER HARVEST ASSEMBLY C.O.G.I.C. 1701 Turner Street | Waco, Texas 76704

> Pastor Allen D. Dixon, Founder Pastor Melvin Petty – Officiant Pastor Allen D. Dixon – Eulogist

Haila's Life Story

Haila LaVerne Kerl Taylor was born on March 7, 1943, in Rosebud, Texas, to the parentage of Green Asberry and Birdana Phoenix-Asberry. At the age of two, following the sudden death of her parents due to illness, she was legally adopted by Birdana's sister and her husband, Callie Phenix-Kerl and Patrick Oran Kerl, Sr. Because she was a small, pretty baby and child, the new parents and family lovingly called her by the nickname, "Tinnie," which stayed with her throughout her adult life.

Haila accepted Christ at a young age. She attended Pleasant Olive Baptist Church under the late Reverend J.W. Williams and later served under Reverend Monty E. Francis. At Pleasant Olive Baptist Church, she enjoyed fun times worshiping with family and friends, and displayed her passion for singing by using her beautiful soprano voice in the choir. She then united with Greater Harvest Assembly Church of God and Christ and attended faithfully until her health began to decline.

Haila attended Carver High School, where she established lifelong friends and participated in school activities, including being a CHS cheerleader.

Haila later went on to nursing school, where she received her LVN license. Later, she worked hard and faithfully at M&M Mars until her health failed and she had to go out on medical disability.

In the late 1950s, Haila was united in holy matrimony to Charles Edward Clark. To this union, she had two children, Charles LaVan Clark and Yolanda Nichelle Brown. In the late 1970s, Haila married Adell Taylor.

Haila LaVerne Taylor gained her wings on May 3, 2020, in Waco, Texas, where she passed peacefully in the home of her daughter and son-in-love.

She was preceded in death by her biological parents, Green and Birdana Phenix-Asberry; her adopted parents, Patrick Oran Kerl, Sr., and Callie Phenix-Kerl; four brothers, Roosevelt Asberry, Freddie Lee Asberry, Willie Earl Asberry, and Claude Asberry; three sisters, Edna Gordon, Oscar Lee Robinson and Ruby Jean Peterson.

She leaves to cherish her memory, son, Charles LaVan Clark of Temple, TX; daughter, Yolanda Nichelle Brown, and son-in-love, Louis Charles Brown, of Waco, TX; granddaughter, Melani Clark-Baker of Akron, OH; grandson-in-love, Willie Baker, and granddaughter, Shantel Silva, of San Antonio, TX; grandson, Harlan DeRoyce Dockery of Waco, TX; great-grandson, Alonzo Clark of Akron, OH; sister, Birdell Daughtry of Abilene, TX; sister, Verlie Mae French of Albuquerque, NM; brothers, Patrick Oran Kerl, Jr. (Rita) of Plano, TX, and Green Asberry (Monyne) of Portland, OR; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

