

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

<sup>for</sup> Joyce Basiymah Williams

Monday, January 24, 2022 | Noon

Herring Funeral Care & Cremation 2720 Mutchinson Road | Fayetteville, NC 28301

**Burial**: **Melvin Cemetery** Cedar Creek Community | Fayetteville, NC

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

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On October 31, 1949, the late Barbara and Kenneth Brumfield welcomed their second child, the bouncy and beautiful Joyce Brumfield in Harlem Hospital of New York, NY. In alignment with her Islamic faith, Joyce adopted the name Basiymah which in Arabic means "smiling friend" which she personified throughout her life. Basiymah departed this earthly life on January 13, 2022 in Raleigh, NC.

Joyce attended St. Aloysius Parochial Elementary School for her primary education. Thereafter, she attended Cathedral High School in Harlem, NY from which she received her High School Diploma in 1967. As a student, Joyce excelled academically and was a member of her high school's track and basketball teams. A passion to help others led Joyce to enroll in the nursing program at CUNY Medgar Evers College of Brooklyn, NY, where in 2001 she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. For the next 20 years, Joyce was the beloved nurse and caretaker of clients who considered her not only their nurse, but their family member.

In 1971, Basiymah met the love of her life, Mr. Leroy (Abdul) Williams. This dynamic duo set the bar high as entrepreneurs and leaders of their families. They were soulmates and best friends and their marriage of over 35 years exemplified and upheld their promise, "Till death do we part." Their businesses allowed them to travel the world blessing people with their distinctive large smiles, generous hearts and unique senses of humor.

During Basiymah's quiet moments, she enjoyed watching game shows, e.g. Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy; crafting needlework such as knitting, sewing, and crocheting; and completing crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed cooking for others and preparing her well sought-after fried chicken, potato salad, and fried rice. However, Basiymah's most treasured moments were those which allowed her to make people she loved happy. Always the motivator and encourager, Basiymah would make room for

Active Pallbearers

Kelly Brumfield Kamoni Chandler Phillip Lake Timothy Lake, II Tivon Lake Tajh Preacher Isa Williams Ishmaavil Williams

## Honorary Pallbearers Cecil Bryan

Stanley Bryan Shakar Brumfield Iemel Carter Dequan Jones General (Retired) Timothy Lake Levar McCall Woodrow Reece, II

*Words of Appreciation* The family of the late Joyce Basiymah Williams acknowledges with sincere love and gratitude the many expressions of kindness and sympathy during the loss of our loved one. We shall be forever grateful for all the, calls, visits, cards, floral arrangements, hugs, food and other contributions and expressions of love and concern during our time of sorrow.

## The Family

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Life Well Lived Author Unknown

A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.

> A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful heart's will treasure.



others by offering a listening ear, an encouraging word, or a reassuring hug. All whom she loved knew she was just a call away. Prior to having children of her own, Basiymah played an active role in the lives of many, and each believed and proudly proclaimed, "I am her favorite."

Basiymah leaves to cherish her legacy her children Robin Williams Lake (Timothy), Donna Lee Williams, Isa Williams, Ishmaayil Williams, Kelly Brumfield, Sarai Williams Chandler (Kamoni), and Stephanie Brumfield-Lumpkins (Kerry Jr.); her grandchildren Timothy Lake II (Amber), Phillip Lake (Marvida), Tiffany Lake, Tivon Lake, Isaiah Williams, Chloe Jones Williams, Karma Williams, Isabella Williams, and Kelys Brumfield; her great-grandchildren Amira Lake, Isabella Lake, Phillip Lake II, Timothy Lake III, and Naima Lake. She was overjoyed with anticipation about the arrival of her granddaughter, Kamoni Basiymah Chandler, who is expected to make her grand entrance in March 2022.

Those left to cherish Basiymah's memory include her aunt Joan "JoJo" Collie; her brothers Frederick Brumfield Sr. (Earlene), affectionately referred to as 'twin', and David Brumfield; her sister Shirley Brumfield; her brother-in-law Edward "Butch" Williams; her sisters-in-law Diane Williams and Deborah Avant (Ronald); a host of cousins, nieces, nephews; and loving family and friends. Through her marriage to Abdul, Basiymah gained lifelong sister-friends in Ruth "Ruthie" Babb, Janet Walters and Margaret Reece; and membership in both the Jones' and Williams' families.

Basiymah is preceded in death by her beloved husband Leroy (Abdul) Williams; her parents Barbara and Kenneth Brumfield; and her siblings Karen Ann Brumfield McCall, Martin Brumfield, and Arlene Brumfield.



**Opening Song & Processional** 

Words of Welcome

Psalm 23

Music

## **Obituary Reading**

**Tributes from Family and Friends** (2 Minutes Please)

**Slide Show Presentation** 

A Moment of Reflection

"The Dash"

**Musical Selection** 

**Closing Words** 

Recessional

**Graveside Service** 



If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together there is something you must always remember... You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is even if we are apart, I will always be with you. ~Winnie The Pooh