



Virginia Lawrence

March 4, 1932 - June 21, 2022

Virginia "Sally" Ayers Lawrence was born March 4, 1932, to the late Nathan and Lillian Ayers; she was one of seven children. Sally attended Weaver Road School. She married the late Pompy S. Lawrence in May of 1953; to this union, four children and a bonus child, Sharon, were born.

At an early age, she accepted Christ at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Ballard. She remained a member, attending Mission meetings and Sunday school. She was a devoted usher, serving over forty years. At the age of 80, the usher board suggested she retire, and she refused because she loved serving.

In her younger years, she was a housekeeper and worked at Imperial Manufacturing Co. in Walls, Mississippi. She enjoyed her morning walks with neighborhood friends, spending time with family, and traveling. In 2011 they were featured in the New Tri-State Defender and Riverview-Kansas CDC as "Saucy Seniors, Ms. Bessie and Ms. Ready Freddie". Sally volunteered her time with "CATS" and "S.T.A.R.S." (breast cancer organizations) in support of her friend, Mary Irby, who is a breast cancer survivor. She was always ready to travel and would say, "Where you gone take me because Freddy stay ready". She had a little hotfoot dance she did every time she said, "Freddy is ready." Sally had a huge heart for people and kids. Her house was the place to be for her grandchildren on the weekend. She looked forward to the stays

and took this time to teach and play with them. She was a hugger and never met a stranger. On visits to the store, she found people to chat with as she passed out smiles and hugs. During the Covid quarantine period, it was hard to restrain her from hugging people. Her motto was "It is just nice to be nice." She adopted all of our friends and their kids. She said, "I got enough love to go around." She played a profound role in raising her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and children of friends. She said, "My babies don't have to go to a center, not as long as I'm able."

Our Queen leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Walter Lawrence (Cheryl); three daughters, Gloria Merriweather, Virginia Sykes (Jerry), and Andrea Banis (Tommie); two sisters, Ethel White and Alberta Griffin; two sisters-in-law, Winnie Boone (Los Angeles, CA) and Virgie Ayers; three brothers-in-law, Edward Lawrence (Tillie) (Cerritos, CA), Paul Lawrence (El Dorado, AR), and Thaddaus Lawrence (Cherry) (Lenexa, KS); fifteen grandchildren, Kelan Fisher, Rodney Merriweather (Ashley), Regina Sanchez, Walter Lawrence Jr. (Jamie), Rico Lawrence (Countess), Michelle Lawrence (Dubuque, IA), Andrea Clark (Willie) (St. Cloud, FL), Lashell Lee, Paris Monroe, Corey Lawrence (Stephanie), Taneshia Williams (Reginald), Tomeka Beavers (Antwon), Erica Hardin (Azuree), Ashley Sykes, and Whitney Sykes; thirty-one great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and honorary children, including two special great-granddaughters, Arielle Berry and Madison Lawrence.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Cst)

Snow Funeral Home
1650 E Shelby Dr
Memphis, TN 38116
(901) 946-9726
<http://snowfuneral.com>

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (Cst)

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
3636 Weaver Rd.
Memphis, TN 38109

Tribute Wall

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“ Our hearts are broken and our cry tears of sadness (From: the Thurmond family) 2120 SWIFT ST MEMPHIS TN.



LILLIE WILBORN - July 03, 2022 at 11:19 PM

VH

“ Vanessa House lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lawrence



Vanessa House - July 02, 2022 at 04:28 PM

VH

Rest In Heavenly Peace Ms. Virginia, and peace be into you, Gloria.

Vanessa House - July 02, 2022 at 04:29 PM

AF

“ Grandma Sally you will always have a place in my ❤️ you will be truly missed love you

Angela and Ron



Angela Faulkner - July 01, 2022 at 02:50 PM

AB

“ I love you forever great granny ☐ I miss you so so much. 🥺❤️



Arielle Berry - June 29, 2022 at 10:11 PM

TW

“ I have way too many memories to share but there will NEVER be another you granny. I pray that I'm half the woman you were. I will love you forever and ever. Please watch over me because it's so hard knowing that you're not here with me anymore 💜😭



Taneshia Williams - June 25, 2022 at 08:15 PM