

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Call To Prayer
Pastor Michelle Berry*

*Reading of Obituary/Cards
Saamiya Syed*

*Acknowledgements
2 mins.*

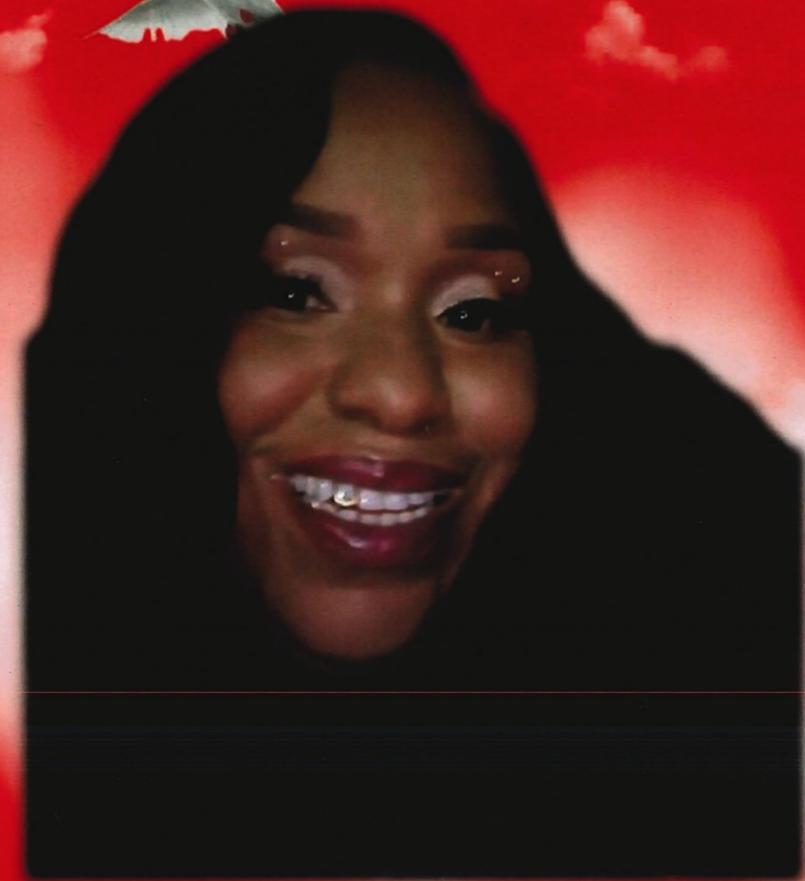
*Eulogy
Reverend Lucille Griffin*

*Exit Video
By Karen Alston*

The family would like to thank Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home, God's Church Ministries, and Mount Zion Baptist Church for their kind acts of support and assistance during this time of grief.

*Repast will follow service at Evelyn's Place
2035 N Broadway Baltimore MD, 21213*

*Home Going Service Celebrating
the Life of*



Serena Lorraine Owens

Sunrise — December 24, 1974

Sunset — February 1, 2024

*Services held Saturday, February 17, 2024 at
Joseph H Brown Funeral Home
2140 N. Fulton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217*

Obituary

Serena Lorraine Owens was born on December 24th, 1974 to the late Ida Frances Woods and Larry Jerome Owens Sr. in Baltimore Maryland. Serena gained her wings on February 1, 2024. As a youngster, Serena received her education from Baltimore City public schools.

Serena spent many years working as a hotel housekeeper, an addiction advocate at the Chrysalis House where she helped mothers and children, and then spent a lengthy time with McCormick and Company, where she built bonds with so many amazing people.

Affectionately known as "RENA", she was always praised for her hustle and ability to change the atmosphere wherever she went. Rena always found a joke in any situation, no matter if it was intended to speak her mind or simply make light of a bad situation. If you asked her about anyone she would describe them to the "T".

Rena shared a bond with her cousins who were more like sisters, Cheryl, Chrissy, and Sharae (Dinky) whom she joined in heaven. They had a bond based on love, loyalty, and honesty.

Rena was a true friend. To the Park Heights community, she will forever be a "LEGEND". Often you would see her with her "bestie from the westie" Monique and/or her big sis Nadine whom she was also reunited with in heaven, they were indeed the 3 amigos.

To Rena, family was everything! She birthed two children her daughter Shakiara and a son, Lil Sheldon which are her pride and joy. However, her 5 grandchildren, known as her "BOO BUTTS" was what she lived and set an example for. She instilled in them that "WE ALL WE GOT" and shared a special quote she lived by "DEATH B4 DISHONOR". To know her was an honor, she had a heart of gold.

After overcoming many life challenges, Rena enjoyed time spent with her loved one. Those times included worshiping together, traveling, and most importantly getting saved at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Serena has reunited in glory with her parents Ida Frances Woods and Larry Jerome Owens Sr. and oldest brother Tyrone Woods Sr. Serena leaves to cherish her memory, Daughter, Shakiara McGraw, Son, Sheldon Hopkins Jr., Son-in-law B. Jose McGraw Sr., Five Grandchildren Marvin Williams, Nay'Sean Hawkins, Hasan Hawkins, Sheldon Hopkins III, and Aaila Hawkins. Three brothers Alfred Woods, Antonio Woods, and Larry Owens Jr., sister Kimberly McFadden, longtime partner Mr. Joel Brown, and bonus daughter Shanyce. A host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends including her 21215 crew and her McCormick family.

A Loving Cousin In Heaven

As the sun sets upon this life, and your body is laid to rest,
I know you'll be in heaven because God only takes the best
I know you're watching over me, and it takes away the pain
I will carry you in my heart until we meet again
My world is a little darker, now that we're apart
But the memories are shining brightly, within this broken heart
You touched the lives of those you loved, and we wanted you to stay
But you were needed up in heaven, and God whispered "come this way"
I know whenever I'm lonely, and this smile becomes a frown
I'll look up to the sky above, and there'll be an angel looking down.

LOVE CHRISSEY



MOM

They say there is a reason, they say time will heal
Neither time nor reason will change the way we feel.

Gone are the days we used to share
But in our heart, you are always there
The gates of memories will never close
We miss you more than anybody knows
We will hold in our hearts the love you gave
So long for now UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
From Shakiara and Sheldon

NaNa

Your life was filled with loving deeds,
Forever thoughtful of our special needs,
Today and tomorrow, my whole life through,
I will always love and cherish you
FROM BOO BUTTS

Big Sis,

I never got the chance to say "I love you"
I never got the chance say "I miss you"
Nobody told me you be gone so soon
I know it would have hurt both of us but
I never got the chance to say "goodbye" to u
LOVE KIM

To My NaNa,

You'll always be loved and remembered.
Your voice and your smile will always be with me.
I Love u !

From your Grandson Baby Sheldon



To my Beloveds

Don't cry for me now that I'm gone, I'm still here to sing a new song,
My body's gone but my soul is here, please don't shed another tear,
I am still here I'm all around, only my body lies in the ground.
I am the snowflake that kisses your nose, I am the frost, that nips your toes.
I am the sun, bringing you light, I am the star, shining so bright.
I am the rain, refreshing the earth, I am the laughter, I am the mirth.
I am the bird, up in the sky, I am the cloud, that's drifting by.
I am the love felt in your heart, While I'm there we cannot part.

Love Mom

Adapted from a Poem by Deborah Garcia Gaitan)