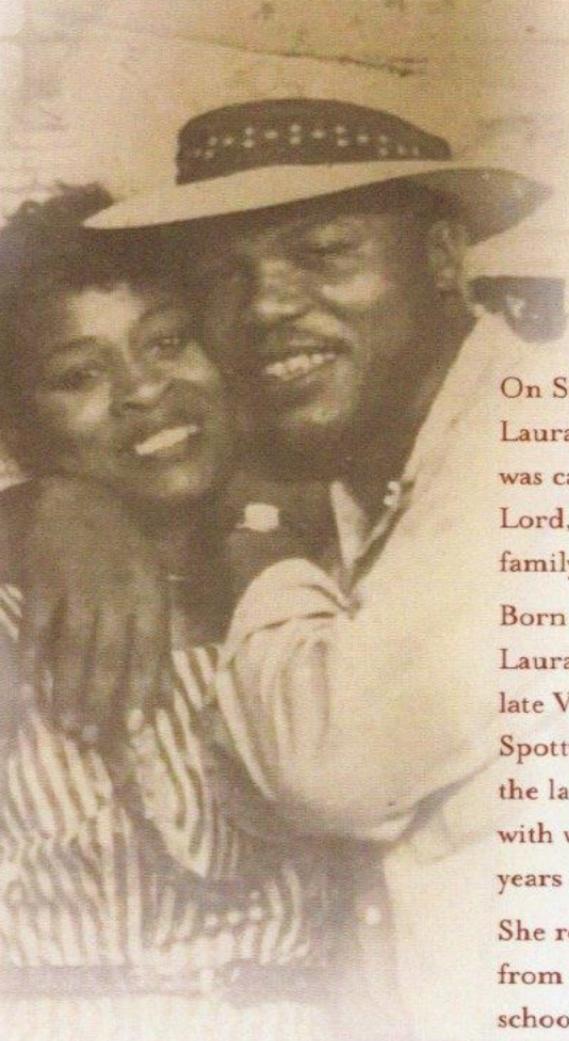


*Laura Wilhelmina Folks*

April 5, 1926 – February 5, 2023



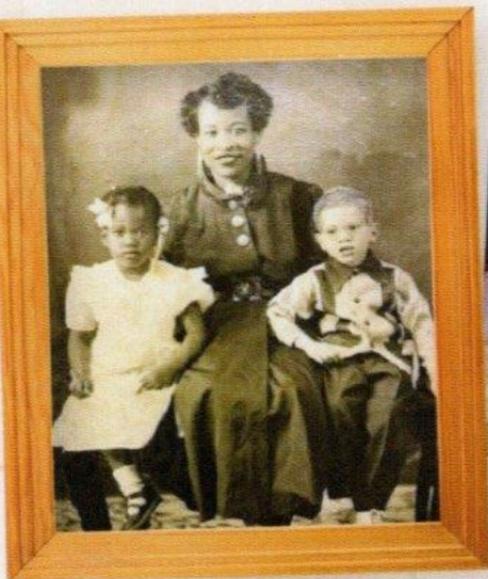


## OBITUARY

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Laura Wilhelmina Folks, 96, was called home to be with the Lord, while surrounded by family at home.

Born in Coatesville, PA, Laura was the daughter of the late Vernon and Ethel Mae Spottwood. She was the wife of the late Travis Harvey Folks with whom she shared 37 loving years of marriage.

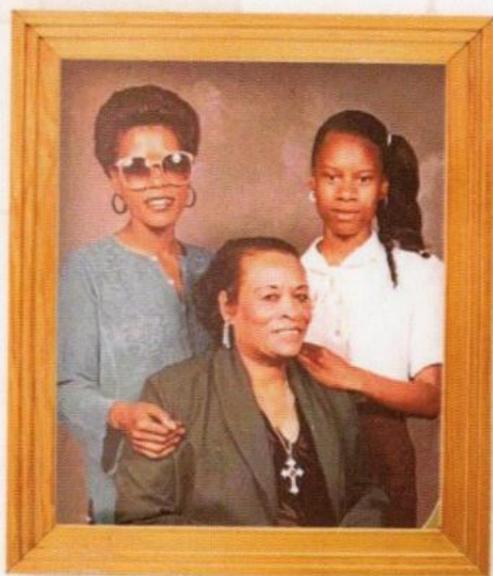
She received her early education from the Coatesville area public schools and she attended the historical James Adams Elementary School.



Laura had various types of employment throughout her lifetime, she was employed as a mushroom cutter, worked in a gun factory, and performed domestic work. She retired from the Coatesville VA Hospital after over a decade of working within the housekeeping division. Following retirement, she took on a job at the CYWA. In addition, she enjoyed coordinating bus trips to destinations like Wild Wood in her free time.

She was a faithful mother of the First Baptist Church of Bernardtown, in which she had been a member since childhood. She loved the Lord and enjoyed attending church service.

Laura was extremely organized and an amazing historian. On a nice day, she could be found in her yard sitting under her tree.



She was an avid Philadelphia sports fan. Along with her love of watching sports, she enjoyed watching the stories and game shows.

Laura was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. She loved caring for others and took great pride in caring for her family. Everyone who knew Laura loved her and she made everyone feel like family.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Laura was preceded in death by her son, Vernon Lee Folks Sr., her daughter, Barbara Jean Purcell, and her siblings, Charles Keasley, Elsie Mae Green, and Harry Williams.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Folks of Parkesburg, PA; granddaughter whom she raised, Laurie L. Folks (Ricky) of Coatesville, PA, grandsons





whom she raised: Vernon Lee Folks Jr. of Coatesville, PA, Anthony Folks of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren Tonya L. Smith of Charlotte, NC, Tamia L. Jackson (Timothy) both of Charlotte, NC; Kenneth L. Smith (Johnnay) of Downingtown, PA, Keith L. Smith (Julia) of Charlotte, NC, Kevin Towles (Latifah) of Coatesville, PA, Charles Folks (Ramonita) of Reading, PA, Marsha Folks of Rockingham, NC; 31 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-great grandchildren; godchild: Henrietta Green-Haines of Coatesville; brother-in-law, John Morton of Delaware and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family



# Order of Service

- PROCESSIONAL** ..... Clergy & Family
- OFFICIATING CLERGY** ..... Minister Diana Gray  
*First Baptist Church of Bernardtown, Coatesville, PA*
- Organ Prelude** ..... Roberta Scott
- FINAL VIEWING**
- OPENING HYMN** ..... "At the Cross"
- COMFORT THROUGH SCRIPTURES**
- Old Testament – Psalm 23* ..... Rev. Thelma Wilson  
*Tabernacle Baptist Church Coatesville, PA*
- New Testament – I Thessalonians 4:13-18* . . . Dr. Selena Stephenson  
*Greater Harvest Baptist Church Newark, NJ*
- PRAYER OF COMFORT** ..... Rev. George Smith  
*Second Baptist Church of Nicetown, Philadelphia, PA*
- MUSIC SELECTION** ..... Church Choir  
*First Baptist Church of Bernardtown*
- CARDS & RESOLUTIONS** ..... Kisha Cheung
- FAMILY TRIBUTE** ..... Shakur Folks
- REFLECTIONS** ..... (2 Minutes)
- WORDS OF COMFORT** (2 Minutes) ..... Selected Clergy
- READING OF THE OBITUARY** ..... Tonia Foote
- MUSIC SELECTION** ..... Church Choir  
*First Baptist Church of Bernardtown*
- EULOGY** ..... Reverend Garnell C. Brunson Sr.  
*Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bernardtown*
- RECESSIONAL DIRECTIVES** ..... Ventnor T. Wright,  
Funeral Director
- RECESSIONAL** ..... Clergy & Family

## HOMEGOING SERVICES

Saturday, February 11, 2023

8:00 AM Viewing • 10:00 AM Service

## SERVICE LOCATION

First Baptist Church of Bernardtown

1208 Youngsburg Rd.

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Reverend Garnell C. Brunson Sr., Pastor

## PALLBEARERS

Kenneth Smith

Keith Smith

Kevin Towles\*

Vernon Folks

Anthony Folks

Timothy Jackson

Pierre Folks

## FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters

## COMMITTAL SERVICE & INTERMENT

Mt. Zion AME Church Cemetery

404 Zion Hill Road

Atglen, Pennsylvania

## REPAST

New Generation Outreach Fellowship Ministries

101 North 5th Avenue

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family extends their gratitude for the many acts of loving kindness shown during their time of sorrow. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.*



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