

*Celebration of Life*



## **Lynne D. Stokes**

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Sunrise June 24, 1952 - Sunset May 4, 2023

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Viewing 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Service 3:30 PM

Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home

2140 N. Fulton Ave

Baltimore, MD 21217

# LIFE REFLECTIONS

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Lynne Denise Stokes was born on June 24, 1952, in Baltimore, Maryland, to her late parents, Lynita Stokes and Harry Stokes Sr. She was the eldest daughter among her seven siblings. Lynne was a graduate of the Baltimore City Public School system and continued her education at Strayer College, where she majored in Business. Later, she retired from Zurich Insurance Group as a Data Processor.

Lynne faced several health challenges after retiring but they did not stop her from making time for her family and friends. Lynne was the nucleus, the family matriarch, the foundation of the family. Her caring and giving nature made her a beautiful person inside and out. Her infectious smile and laughter always brought joy to those around her. She was selfless, kind, thoughtful, nonjudgmental, and always offered a steady voice of reason. She would also scold you when necessary, but you knew it came from a place of love. She made a positive impact on many lives.

Lynne enjoyed spending time at home but also knew how to have fun. She loved listening to music and often danced, sang, and later shimmy to her oldies collection with her family and friends. Her love for life was unwavering, and she exuded a mix of fearlessness, independence, empathy, and compassion. Lynne had diverse interests, such as reading romance novels, caring for plants, crocheting, playing pinochle, and cooking. Her sweet potato pies were loved by everyone.

Unfortunately, despite all her efforts, Lynne unexpectedly passed away on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at 1:26 pm while surrounded by her loved ones. She fought with great strength and courage, and her absence will be greatly felt by everyone who knew her as Lynne, Mommy, Granma, or Aunt Lynne.

Lynne was preceded in death by two brothers, Tyrone and Terry, and nephew Dwayne, and her lifelong companion, Vernon G. Shelton.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: children: Angie, Isha, Vernon Sr. (Prena), Reginald (Felicia), Laticia, Shaquan, and Sidney. Siblings Donna, Harry Jr.(Leslie), Karen (Michael), and Craig, grandchildren Aniya and Kaiya, great-granddaughter Amina, and a host of nieces, nephews, and an abundance of family and friends. She will be forever missed. Until we meet again.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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OFFICIATING:  
MINISTER LATICIA HARVEY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

REMARKS

OBITUARY AND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT  
Dr. Vernon D. Shelton, Sr.

BENEDICTION

## **MOM'S GARDEN**

My Mother kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
She planted all the good things,  
That gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine,  
And encouraged me to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,  
She protected me enough;  
But not too much, she knew I'd need  
To stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example,  
Always taught me right from wrong;  
Markers for my pathway  
To last my whole life long.

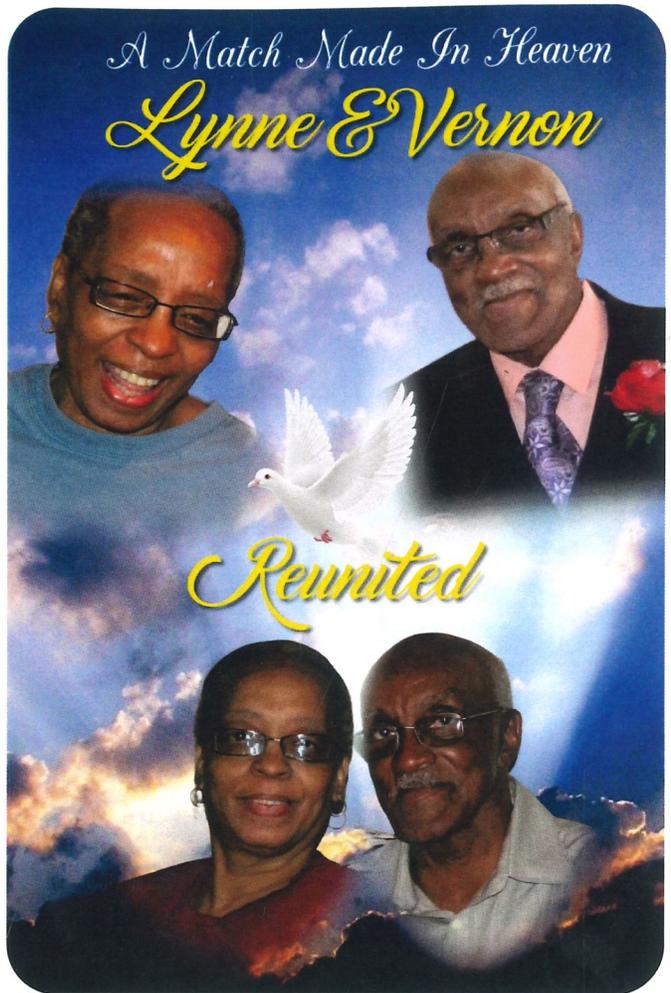
I am my Mother's garden,  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love,  
Reflected back from me.

Love,  
Angie

## ***Our Loving Grandma***

There was magic in grandmother's touch,  
and sunshine in her smile.  
There was love in everything she did  
to make our lives worthwhile.  
We found both hope and courage  
just by looking in her eyes.  
Her laughter was a source of joy,  
her words warm and wise.  
There was a kindness and compassion  
found in her embrace,  
And shining down from Heaven above  
we see the glow of Grandma's face.

We love and miss you so much,  
Aniya & Kaiya



**Acknowledgements**

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

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