

# *Celebration of Life*



*Lillian May Hopkins*

Sunrise: March 18, 1943

Sunset: January 24, 2023

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

Wake: 10:30am - Service: 11:00am

**St. Peter Claver**

1526 N. Freemont Avenue

# Reflection of Love and Life

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**Lee-Lee** was well known for her blue eyes which gave her the nickname "Blue Eyes." She loved to travel to the casinos in Atlantic City and Maryland whenever she could. She was outgoing, ambitious, and loved being on the go.

**Lee-Lee** left imprints of precious memories and a legacy of love that will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved grandchildren and EJ, two sisters, Alice, and Doris, as well as brother-in-law James Pitts. Missing her in death were her husband, Bernard "Diddy" and her siblings, Helen, Paulette, William, Raymond, Mabel, Edward, Gary, Elaine, and Ralph. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her passing will be missed tremendously.

# Order of Service

Reading of the Obituary

Acknowledgements

Remembrances and Remarks (3 minute limit per person)

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Blessing of the Body

Placing of the Pall and Christian Symbols

Hymn

Prayer

**LITURGY OF THE WORD - WISDOM 3:1-9**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm Response

New Testament

Gospel Homily

General Intercessions

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST - ROMANS 6:3-9**

Hymn

Preparation of the Altar

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

Meditation Hymn

**PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION**

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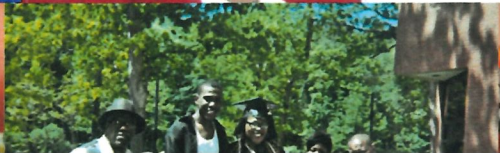
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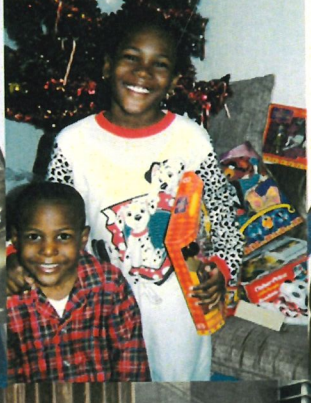
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Yvette Lee Lee Bird Hibola Charity  
Bird Baby Shower  
April 15-89







## The Final Flight

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

## GRANDMA

You fed me well, you made me strong.  
You taught me to know right from wrong.  
You made me feel that I belong.  
You showed me the value of a song.

You gave me life, you gave me love.

You always knew the way I feel.  
You used the words you thought might heal.  
You convinced me it was no big deal.  
Your advice would keep it real.

You gave me life, you gave me love.

Broken hearts you liked to mend.  
It was not in your nature to offend.  
Birthday cards you'd always send.  
You knew the value of family and friends.

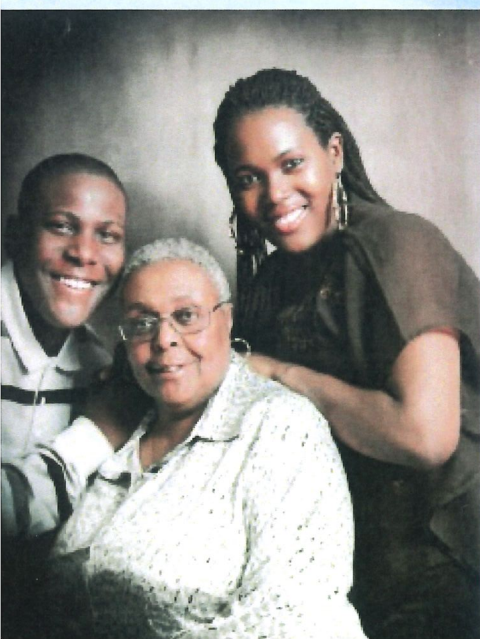
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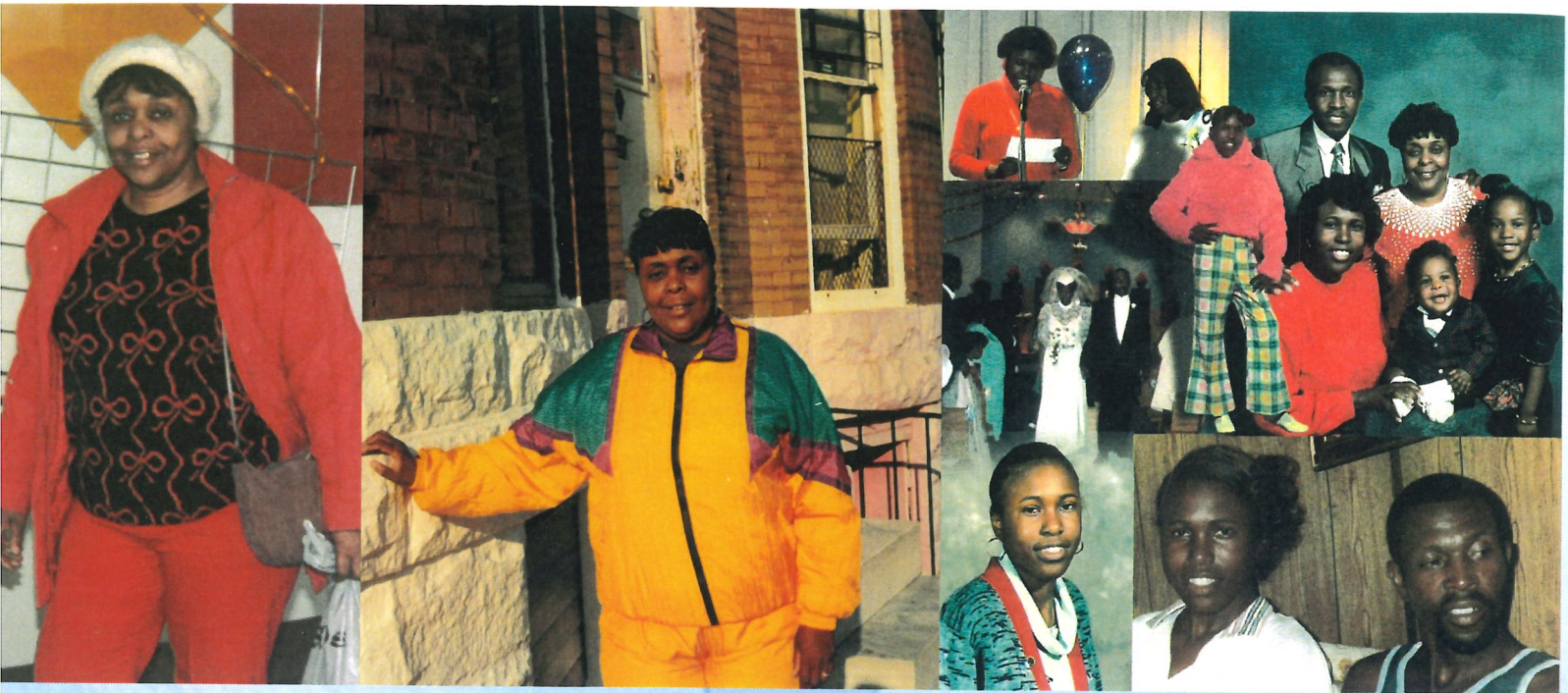
You left me now, you've gone away.  
I'm left behind, I have to stay.  
So I'll just have to pray.  
I'll meet you again another day.

You always had that 'special touch'.  
I loved you so very, very much.

You gave me life, you gave me love.  
Please watch over me from above.

Love, Tia & EJ





## Acknowledgements

The family greatly acknowledge and appreciate the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement. May God bless you bountifully.

### Pallbearers

Family and Friends

### Interment

**New Cathedral Cemetery**

4300 Old Frederick Road  
Baltimore, Md 21229

### Repast

**St. Peter Claver**

1526 N. Fremont Avenue  
Baltimore, Md 21217

### Professional Services Entrusted to:

**Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home**