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THE LIFE STORY OF Garmai WEH

Garmai Korlu Wokolo-Weh, 67, of Newark, New Jersey passed from this natural life into eternal existence on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, New Jersey. Garmai was born on June 30, 1952, in Passama Town, Zorzor District located in Lofa County, Liberia to the union of Zogbo K. Wokolo and Aaron S. Kennedy. She grew up in the West African northernmost portion of Liberia where she descended from a major ethnic group known as the Lorma Tribe. Garmai was born as the sole child of her mother, and one of many for her father. While living between both parents, she attended grade school in the Yeallah, Zorzor District. After leaving school to birth her eldest son she later attended Nathan Ross High School in Monrovia, Liberia, where she earned her high school diploma in 1974 while completing a night school program. She practiced Christianity at the Zorzor Lutheran Mission in Liberia. In 1971, she became employed at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization agency of the Liberian government.

She left her job at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization in 1977 to migrate to the United States under the premise that this new land of opportunity would benefit her family's social and economic circumstances—all while she held on to her Liberian cultural well-being in the process. Upon her arrival in the United States she settled in Newark, New Jersey where she has resided for the past 43 years. Over the course of these years, she was employed at Victory Engineering Company in Springfield, New Jersey from 1978 to 1983. Later, she was hired by Sharp Ivers-Lee in West Caldwell, New Jersey until the company closed in 2005. In 2010, she underwent a serious brain tumor surgery, but as she put it, God spared her life. After her recovery, she worked at a host of jobs until a few years later when she decided to fulfill a goal that she was passionate about. She was able to complete a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training program at the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey where after she completed her in-person clinical requirement and passed the certification exam. She proudly served under two nursing agencies until she officially retired in 2012. Over the years, she often advocated for the Liberian community (New Jersey) and what she deemed as her beloved city of Newark, New Jersey. She was an active member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in East Orange, New Jersey where her duties included serving as an usher and communion assistant. Garmai was also an active member of the following organizations: United Liberian Women Association (ULWA), Invincible Eleven and Majestic Sports Association (IE), ADT, The Liberian Community Association, Women of Renowned Transformational Hope (W.O.R.T.H), and Lofa County Association. She was also a part of the congregation at the United Christian Assembly Church (U.C.A.C.) in Newark, New Jersey where she served as a devoted missionary.

Garmai is survived by her husband, Alfred G. Weh, who she shared a union with for 40 years. She also leaves to celebrate, embrace and honor her memory as the Queen Matriarch a lineage of children: Abraham O. Kamara of Burlington, New Jersey; Archibald T. Howard of Fargo, North Dakota; Sieneh A. Weh of Newark, New Jersey; Zebia G. Weh-Braddy of Newark, New Jersey; and an adopted daughter, Tryphena R. Banks of Linden, New Jersey. Son-in-laws: Jamar L. Braddy and Kirk Linton. Grandchildren: Terrell Houston Howard, Benony Zogar Howard, Love A. Brooks, Leawon G. Banks-Dwah, Lester G. Dwah, Lobi A. Warsaw, Jaden J. Weh-Palmer, Theodocia A. Kamara, Khloe K. Linton, Kennedy B. Linton, Abraham Z. Kamara III, and Chase T. Braddy. An aunt, Fazeh L. Duyen and uncle, Peter T. Dunye, who both played a pivotal role in her life; a host of siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews around the world; and dear friends in the United States, Australia and back home in Liberia. She had a real passion for people and throughout her life she extended her Village of LOVE and became a mother figure for Leticia H. Roberts; Loupu Yekeh, Williametta Ammons; and Wade Tubman, whom she all considered her children.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, church families and all who knew her.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



MATRIARCAL LEGACY:

Historically, Garmai, means "LEADER" – as a of African origin moniker. She was known for her leadership-spirit. She is best known for her remarkable personality that will endlessly be missed. "When the Music Changes, So Does the Dance" is a West African proverb that could respectively justify how Garmai progressed from the time she was born in Africa until the time she departed from Earth in the United States. The life-course of Garmai often evolved through real-time like a pattern of movement with deep African rhythms that maintained her cultural roots—as she DANCED throughout the structural, social, and cultural contexts of a life cycle inhabited with various CHANGE. Therefore, change is the ever-looming death in every moment. But death is not bad, death is necessary as part of one's biological life cycle—which is nothing more than a-series-of-changes-in-form that an individual undergoes, and, later... returning to their starting state. With deep and solemn respect, Garmai, should be remembered as a woman who seamlessly welcomed you into a friendship and understanding all while upholding her Liberian ancestry that was deeply rooted in the proudness of her values and ideals. In part, if the Pantheon of Ancestors genuinely believed nothing dies, then the ever-changing 'energy' of these forebearers have already comfortably welcomed Garmai into eternity as she leaves behind a LEGACY of LOVE and RESPECT and LEADERSHIP.



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