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**SHEPHERD, ALFRED** (April 15, 1895 – September 9, 1968) – Mr. Alfred Shepherd rich in friends and beloved by multitudes has transferred his citizenship from the cities of this earth to the city whose builder and maker is God.

He was born on April 15, 1895 in Terrel County Georgia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Shepherd. [He was the brother of Sarah Ann Shepherd Oxford]. He was a member of the Church of God Saints of Christ. And was a soldier in the Army in World War I. He was united in holy matrimony to Miss Penny Grady. To this union was born 4 children, 1 proceeded him in death.

We are paying tribute to one of God's gentle men. He was quiet in his manner pleasant toward everyone and enjoyed talking about the Lord's goodness. However, when the sun of life reaches its zenith, with the brightness of a well spent life, when the passing comes, we can only say that a beautiful life has ended. He departed this life Monday, September 9, 1968 in the VA Hospital, Dublin, GA.

He leaves to mourn, a loving wife, Mrs. Pennie Shepherd, of Douglas, GA.; one son Willie Shepherd and wife Mrs. Lucille Shepherd, Danbury, Conn.; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Moffert and husband (Mr. Lonnie Moffet), Mrs. Ludella Smith and husband (Mr. Ruben Clyde Smith all of Danbury, Conn.; one foster daughter Mrs. Odessa Fletcher and husband (Mr. Leonard Fletcher); six grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

[Funeral services were held on September 15, 1968, at the House of God, Saints of Christ, Douglas, Georgia. Interment was in Sunnyside Cemetery.

**SHEPHERD, BENNIE** - The son of the late Rosie and Dennis Shepherd, was born July 18, 1914, in Douglas, Georgia. He departed this life on Friday, January 23, 1987, at home.

Bennie served four years in the United States Army, while in the service he was united in Holy matrimony on June 16, 1943 to Lucy Lott. After Benny was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, he and Lucy moved to Milwaukee in 1945 and began a family. Four children were born to this union. One son preceded him in death. Bennie worked for Barclay Foundry for 30 years until the plant shut down.

Bennie was a member of the Saint James Baptist Church in Douglas, Georgia, Rev. Stanley.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife Lucy; three daughters, Barbara (Rev. LeHavre) Buck, Arlene (Larry) Hale of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Eunice Shepherd of Boston, Massachusetts. Four grandchildren; Curtis Buck, Latrice Buck, LeHavre

Buck, Jr. Five sisters; Truly Goodman of Douglas, Georgia, Essiemae (Fred) Green of Marian, Ohio, Lilly (Eddie) Cockfield, Esicl (Silas) Lewis and Vera (James) Goodman, all of Milwaukee. One uncle Mose Fryler of Milwaukee, and a very close nephew Aggie (Georgia) Goodman also of Milwaukee.

Sister and brother-in-laws; Pearl (Learerd) Lott of Douglas, Carrie (Andec) Fletcher of Willacoochie, Georgia, France Mitchell, West Palm Beach, Florida, Penny Shepherd, Buster Shepherd, Elia Johnson, all of Douglas Georgia. A host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many close friends.

**SHEPHERD, PENNIE GRADY** (December 12, 1899 – June 15, 1991) – Mrs. Pennie Grady Shepherd was born on December 12, 1899 in Coffee County, GA. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Cato Grady, Sr, and the late Mrs. America Frier Grady. At a young age she met and married M. Alfred Shepherd. They were joined in marriage in 1918. To this union four children were born, two preceded her in death. At an early age she saw the need for God in her life and joined the family of Hightower Memorial Temple Church, where she served faithfully. Later she saw the need to move her membership to the Church of God in Christ, where she served faithfully until her health failed.

Early Saturday morning, June 15, 1991, Pennie looked up toward heaven and said Lord let your will be done. She took her flight across death's stream, where at this moment she rests from her labors, but her memory will continue to live in the hearts and minds of us who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two loving children, Mrs. Ruby Moffett of Danbury, Connecticut and Mr. Willie "Buster" Shepherd of Douglas, GA; a step daughter, Mrs. Odessia Fletcher of Oakland, CA; two sons-in-law, Mr. Lonnie Moffett of Danbury, CT, and Mr. Ruben Smith of Douglas GA; one sister Mrs. Ella Johnson of Douglas GA; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Grady and Mrs. Geraldine Grady both of Douglas GA; four grandchildren, Ms. Annie Moffett and Ms. Dianne Moffett both of Douglas GA, Mr. Glenn Smith of Los Angeles, CA, and Mr. Billy Moffett of New Milford, CT; twelve great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, and nephews. [Funeral services were held on June 22, 1991 at Hightower Memorial Temple Church, Douglas, GA., Rev. Ozel Thompson, officiating, Bishop T.L. Litman, pastor. Interment was in Bushnell Community Cemetery].

**SHEPHERD, WILLIE LEE "BUSTER"** – Mr. Willie Lee "Buster" Shepherd died on January 26, 1993. [Willie Lee was the son of the late Alfred and Pennie Shepherd]. He joined the U.S. Army in November, 1942 and served until January, 1946. After leaving the Army, Willie Lee met and married the late Mrs. Lucile Cockfield. To that union two

children were born, one preceded him in death. Willie Lee died on January 26, 1993 at the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center, Atlanta GA.

To mourn their loss and always cherish his memory a loyal and devoted family: one daughter, Anne Shepherd Moffett of Douglas, GA; one sister, Mrs. Ruby Moffett of Danbury, CT; four brother-in-law, Mr. Clyde Smith of Douglas,GA, Mr. Eddie Cockfield and Mr. Lonnie Moffett both of Danbury, CT, and Mr. Mose Frier, of Milwaukee, Wisc; three aunts, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs.. Geradine Grady and Mrs. Mattie Grady, all of Douglas, GA, two grandchildren, David Moffett, Jr. and Jeffrey W. Moffett; three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

[Funeral Services were held on January 30, 1993 at St. John Baptist Church, Douglas, GA, Rev. Talton, officiating, Rev. Sneed, pastor. Interment was in Sunny Side Cemetery, Bushnell, GA.]

**SMITH, EDITH O. (1912-2002)** --Edith O. Smith died March 18, 2002. She was born in Parrott, Georgia to the late Wilkes "Uncle Bud" and Minnie Oxford on November 11, 1912. (Wilkes Oxford was the brother of Mance Oxford). Edith had one brother, John Berry, and one sister Jollie Mae Jackson, both of whom preceded her in death. Edith moved to Orlando from Parrott, Georgia in 1934. She was employed as a baker with Federal Bakery for 40 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Annie Lee Coleman, Orlando, Florida; one son, Razzie Smith, Orlando; one daughter-in-law, Gloria Smith, Orlando; 15 grandchildren – Willie James Smith (Angeline); Wilkes Henry Howard, Jollie Ann Rowe (Johnny), Ronald Smith (Pat), Barry E. Howard (Mary), Razzie Smith, II (Wanda), Derrick Wallace (Susan), Fedrick Howard, Denise Howard, Sherryl Smith, Ritchie Smith (Pandora), Ricardo Smith (Felicia), Brenda Dumas, Debra Coleman and Willie Coleman; 49 great-grandchildren and 51 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith's services were held in the New Life Church of Orlando (COGIC). Her remains were interred in Washington Park Cemetery.

**SMITH, RAZZIE, Jr. "Tampa Red" (1932-2002)** - Razzie Smith, Jr., was the son of Razzie Smith, Sr., and Edith O. Smith (grandson of Wilkes "Uncle Bud" Oxford). Razzie, Jr., was born on May 5,1932 in Parrott, Georgia. His family moved to Orlando, Florida in 1934. He attended the Orange County Public and after graduation enlisted into the U.S. Army and served from 1953 to 1955. During his enlistment, he trained at Ft. Benning, in Georgia and was stationed in both Korea and Japan. After completing his military career, Razzie attended South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He graduated in 1959 with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. His first job was with the DeSoto County Public School system as an Industrial Arts instructor and football coach. He returned to Orlando and worked in

positions such as a lifeguard for the City of Orlando, and as an educator for Jones High School. His one true passion was serving as track and football coach for the Jones High School Fighting Tigers and working as a Truant Officer and Social Worker for the Orange County Public Schools. He retired in 1995 after serving over 30 years with the Orange County Public Schools.

After retirement, he began pursuing areas and projects of interest in residential renovation and landscaping. He was also affiliated with the Masons, a life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the John P. Piner Amvets Post #30, and he served as Vice President of the Washington Park Homeowners Association.

Razzie is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gloria Peeples; five sons, Ronald (Patricia), Razzie III (Wanda), Derrick (Suzanne), Ritchie (Pandora), Ricardo (Felicia); a daughter, Cheryl; and a sister, Annie Lee Coleman. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Chevette, Rhonda, Ron II, Riki, Renard, Jazmine, Razzie IV, Ramzey, Daunte, Deja, Anwarm Ritchie Jr., RiNesha and Rion; three great-grandchildren, Dierra, Chance, Sophia and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

His funeral services were held on Saturday, May 11, at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. His remains were interred in the Washington Park Cemetery, Orlando, Florida.

The following is from a newspaper article  
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**Razzie "Tampa Red" Smith taught his students the value of education**  
Sandra Mathers

Razzie "Tampa Red" Smith spent 17 years teaching football to scores of high school students, mostly in Orange County. But that wasn't all he taught them. Smith of Orlando, a coach and shop teacher who showed his students that education was their ticket to a better life, died Sunday. He was 69. "He was an excellent high school coach, but youth and education were his passion," said his daughter, Cheryl Smith of Orlando. "He helped so many kids stay in school and go to college. He talked to them about how important it was to get an education."

Smith, who taught at Phyllis Wheatley High School in Apopka and Jones High School in Orlando, left the coaching ranks at Jones in 1977 to continue working for the School Board as a social worker, his daughter said. He retired in 1995.

After growing up in Orlando and graduating from Jones, Smith joined the Army before enrolling in South Carolina State University. He graduated with a degree in industrial arts education. He began his teaching career in Arcadia before moving to Orlando in 1963. "My father had a wonderful spirit," his daughter said. "He did for us (kids) what he did for others." Cheryl said she and her four brothers are all college

graduates, thanks to their dad. She has a business degree from her father's alma mater and coordinates minority and women-in-business enterprises for a brother's construction company. The company is working on the expansion of the Orange County Convention Center.

A 37-year resident of Washington Shores, Smith was a member of the Washington Shores Homeowners Association, and the J.P. Piner Amvets Post #30. He was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

**SMITH, TYLER DeMarcus** (June 27, 1997 – October 1, 2016) - [Full obituary program in Obituary Programs PDFs](#). The world was blessed in a special way when Tyler DeMarcus Smith made his debut on June 27, 1997 to the parentage of Demetrius and Shannon Golphin-Smith in Valdosta, Georgia. He was joined two years later by his brother, Colby Dion. Affectionate, loving, spiritually grounded; jovial, optimistic, analytical and compassionate are only a few of the adjectives that anyone who knew him would say describe Tyler. Tyler spent his formative years living on and around college and university campuses in Florida, Georgia and Kansas. Therefore, he embraced diversity and accepted change with vigor.

During his matriculation in high school, Tyler was a member of the Latin Honor Society and the Latin Club. He was also an active member of the Warner Robins Kappa Leadership Development League for over five years, 2010-2015. In 2015, Tyler graduated from Houston County High School after spending four years as a JROTC cadet and aspiring Air Force Officer. With his continued aspirations of becoming an Air Force Airman, Tyler entered Valdosta State University and was a member of the VSU AFROTC and was pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information System.

He lives to cherish his fond and loving memory, parents, Demetrius and Shannon; brother, Colby Dion, of Kathleen, GA; paternal grandmother, Cynthia Carter of Montezuma, GA and paternal grandfather, Wallace Smith (Monica) of Augusta, GA; maternal grandparents, Ernest and Annie Pearl Golphin of Oglethorpe, GA; great grandmother, Naomi Carter of Butler, GA; one aunt, Renata Smith of Augusta, GA; uncles, Shawn Golphin of Montezuma, GA, Stanley Golphin (Renee) and Jason Golphin of Oglethorpe, GA, Devin Smith of Las Vegas, NV and Touri Smith of Atlanta, GA; several dedicated friends, Austin Hines, Alex Ross, Angela Garcia, Montreal Evens, Ian Brigges, Benny Broud, Shanice Witicker, Zach Tarpley, Montrez Cox and Devin McGeaughay; two mentors and big brothers, Antonio McCray and Nickolas Spikes, and a host other relatives and friends.

**TELAFARE, NANNIE MAE (February 12, 1902 - July 14, 1994)** - Mrs. Nannie Mae Telafare, the third child born to the union of Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford, died on July 14, 1994. "Aunt Nan" died peacefully in her home surrounded by members of her immediate family. She was funeralized at the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia on July, 18. Her funeral was attended by many relatives from the "Oxford clan." The body was interred at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. The following statement was made at the funeral by Monroe Fordham on behalf of the "Oxford clan."

**"A Family Tribute To Aunt Nan."**

Aunt Nan, as she was affectionately known throughout our family, was our oldest living relative. She was one of the two remaining children of Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford at the time of her death. Born in 1902, Nannie Mae Telafare was one of our few remaining direct links to the era of the turn of the 19th century. She was the product of a simpler place and time--a time before our moral and spiritual values became tainted by the influences of the post-industrial culture. In spite of the encroaching erosion of our cultural values, she was able to maintain a level of immunity and personal tranquility that has eluded most of us. Through her strong and quiet faith in God, she discovered a way to insulate herself from many of the worst effects of the modern world.

To the outside observer, Aunt Nan sometimes appeared to be what we would call "old fashioned." She was soft spoken, yet strong willed. She did not exhibit her religious values and beliefs in a holier-than-thou manner, yet she was almost puritanical in her demeanor. She was straight-laced and no-nonsense, yet she exuded a kind and loving spirit, and a special gentleness to all who knew her. Somewhere along her life's journey, Aunt Nan discovered the true meaning of God's purpose for her life. That discovery provided the underpinning for the quiet confidence and serenity that she exhibited in her daily life. That purpose certainly included a loving concern for her family; and that love and concern was returned in kind. We all loved her, and we recognized and appreciated her special qualities. Young parents in our family wanted their children photographed with Aunt Nan. At our family reunions, relatives wanted her autograph. She was special, and her presence among us made our family seem special.

Members of her biological family, her church family, and her friends are assembled here this morning not to mourn the passing of Nannie Mae Telafare, but to celebrate and commemorate the meaning of her life. If we are to truly prosper beyond the narrow material and cultural meaning of the term; and if we are to prevail in what the Scriptures describe as the "war of principalities," and eventually find inner peace and tranquility, we too must follow the path of spiritual discovery that Aunt Nan traveled. We must embrace her legacy and pass it on to our children. All of our lives are richer because we had the opportunity to know her.

**TELFAIR, MRS. JESSIE "SIS" (1913-1986)** - Mrs. Jessie B. Telfair, affectionately known as "Sis", was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, in the year 1913, to the late Jim and Ada Williams in Terrell County, Georgia. At an early age, she was converted in Christ and

joined the Macedonia Baptist Church in Parrott, Georgia. She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. David Telfair, and that union was blessed with two daughters. She served as a member in numerous capacities faithfully until her untimely death.

Death is a joyful world of peace whose kind hands open to weary pilgrims the gate of immortality and lets the oppressed go free. A beautiful life came to a close on October 3, 1986, at the Terrell County Community Medical Center, Dawson, Georgia.

To cherish a beautiful memory, she is survived by: Two daughters-Mrs. Sheria Small of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Bettye Telfair Hall of Dawson, GA; eleven grandchildren: Ricky Small, Veda Ragan, Glenn Small, Tony Small, and Shirley Clark all of Hartford, Conn., Bettye Small of San Antonio TX., Sherie Walton of Cuthbert, GA., Patti Hall, Marilyn Hall and Darren Hall of Parrott, GA., Rodrick Hall of Dawson, GA., twenty-one great-grandchildren; two devoted cousins; Ruthie Lattimore of Dawson, and Martha Oxford of Hartford, Conn., several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. She was funeralized in the Macedonia Baptist Church. Interment was in Macedonia Church Cemetery.

**THORNTON, DOLLIE (1914-1996)** - Dollie Thornton was the former wife of the late Velmer Oxford. She was born in Richland, Georgia, in 1914, to the late Johnnie and Ruth (Covington) Thornton. She had many fond memories of her childhood days in Richland and the many family members and friends that became an important part of her life. She moved to Hartford and became affiliated with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Church, and then became a faithful and active member of the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ. She lost her sight at an early age in life, but that did not deter her from full participation in missionary work. Her activities included craft-making and special sewing projects for the State of Connecticut Services for the Blind as well as being actively involved with the Tuscan Homes Senior Citizens Group. She was always willing to help someone and offer encouraging words to the young and old. Sister Thornton leaves to cherish her memory, two sisters--Mattie Washington, of Atlanta GA, and Faye Lee Watson of Wichita Falls TX. She also leaves her devoted cousin, Jessie Green of Hartford, two nephews, Robert Hollis of San Rafael CA, and James Sherman of Plainfield NJ.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Henry Latimore and Lemon Hollis; three sisters Carrie Sherman, Alice Covington and Ethel Covington. Sister Thornton was a person without sight but with a keen vision and insight who kept her eyes on the Lord. She always hoped that her eyesight would be restored and at last her dream has become a reality. She has left this earth and her sight is set on something greater than this world could ever offer

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Peter 1:24 & 25.

**WALTON, THELMA ODESSA (TIP)** - (May 23, 1920 - December 9, 2007) - Thelma (Oxford) Walton passed away Saturday evening, December 9, 2007 after a long illness. Sister Walton was born in (Parrott, GA on May 23, 1920 to the late Jesse and Johnie (Darns) Oxford. She joined the Macedonia Baptist Church in Parrott, Georgia at an early age. She moved to Hartford, CT in 1953. She then joined the Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1957 under the leadership of Pastor Frank Fletcher. Sister Walton was very involved in church activities and served her church faithfully until her health declined.

Sister Walton was a woman full of love. She shared her heart, her wisdom and her home. Her Bright smile could melt the coldest heart. She shared her love in so many ways and each of us has our own personal memories. As a foster mother for DCYS for 40 years, many men and women experienced the love of God through her and are better off for having known her.

We were given a precious gift on loan from God. She showered us with the love she was, and the love she knew-Jesus. Though we are temporarily separated, her love is planted in our hearts forever. Memories, loving words and hugs will sustain us. Let us strengthen our relationship with the god she loved so that our family reunion on that "great getting up morning" will be complete.

Sister Walton is survived by four sons; Aaron "Bebo" (Mary) Walton of Bloomfield, CT; Amos "Red" Walton of East Hartford, Ct; Stanley Walton of Hartford, CT; and David Redden of Brockton MA; three daughters, Carol Coleman of Hartford, CT; Jody Pines of Manchester, CT; One Brother, James (Ruby) godson of Altamonte Springs, FL; Three sisters, Jessie Iverson of Bloomfield, CT; Orcolia Myers and Mary Ann Clay of Sasser, GA; Eighteen grand Children, Fifty-six great grand Children and Eleven great-great grand Children; One god-daughter Michelle Cook of Conyers, GA; One god-son Walter (Nancy) James of Jacksonville, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.. She also leaves to mourn three angels, Margaret Milton, Betty Jennings, and Dorothy Bowen.

Sister Walton was predeceased by her husband, Amos Walton, Sr. of 48 years, one son Mance Oxford, one daughter, J. Louise "Pelo" Walton Kerr, two grandsons, James Walton, and Derrick Huntley, two brothers and two step-brothers.



**WHALEY, JAMES (1907-1986)** - Mr. James Whaley, the son of the late Missouri and Sam Whaley, was born June 30, 1907, in Terrell County, Georgia. He attended the public schools of Terrell County. He departed this life Thursday, October 16, 1986 at the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

At a very early age he confessed his love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and joined New Hope Baptist Church, Parrott, Georgia, remaining a member until death. He served on the Usher Board for a number of years. He leaves to mourn his homegoing a brother, Mr. Willie Whaley of Parrott, Georgia; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Willie Whaley of Parrott, Georgia; three nephews, Mr. Willie B. Johnson, Jessie Will Whaley and Rochester Whaley, all of Atlanta, Ga; a niece, Josie Mae Whaley of Atlanta; a devoted cousin, Mrs. Willie F. Reeves of Tampa, Fla.; and a host of other relatives and friends. His remains were interred in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

**WHALEY, WILLIE (1913 - 1992)** - (Note: Willie Whaley was the former husband of Martha Faye Oxford Whaley. That union produced no children). Deacon Willie Whaley was born April 9, 1913 to the late Sam and Missouri Whaley. He was a member of Jackson Grove Baptist Church and served faithfully on the Deacon Board as an officer for more than 30 years.

He was joined in Holy Matrimony to Willie Mae Green and to this union three children were born. Deacon Whaley departed this life Tuesday, January 14, 1992 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Whaley, Parrott, GA; one daughter, Josie Whaley, Atlanta, GA; two sons, Jessie Will Whaley and Rochester Whaley, Atlanta, GA; stepson Willie B. Johnson (Veola Johnson), Atlanta, GA; 10 grandchildren, including Tracey Whaley whom he reared from birth; 5 sisters-in-las, Pinkey Lee McClendon, Jacksonville, FLA; Tiny B. Green, Dawson, GA; Carrie Green, Ola Lee Brown and Rosa Mae Spurlin, Albany, GA.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was funeralized at Jackson Grove Baptist Church, Rev. E.M. Holley, presiding. Albritten's Funeral had the body. His remains were interred in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Parrott, GA.

**WILLIAMS, EVELYN FORDHAM (December 21, 1946 - April 3, 2013)** - Evelyn was born to the late James Fordham and Arie D. Fordham Jackson in Parrott, Georgia. She attended public school in Orange County: 1965 graduate of Jones High School, Orlando, Florida; former employee of Lockheed-Martin; PEC Industry; General Electric. She retired from Richmond Heights Elementary School as a front office secretary in 2012. Evelyn furthered her education by receiving an Associate Degree in Ministry in 2012.

Evelyn's church affiliations were as follows: Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, New Jerusalem Church of God, Light House Tabernacle of Prayer, and she was an active member of the One in the Spirit Church until her demise.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving devoted husband of 30 years, Russell Williams, Sr.; four daughters: Tammy Fordham Jackson, Ivy Williams, Kathy Hardy and Emily Simpson; sons: Russell Williams, Jr. (Patrice), Keith Williams, and Michael Powell; siblings, Dr. Monroe Fordham (Freddie), both deceased; Lawrence Fordham (deceased); Vera Thompson; Mancefield "Flat" Fordham; Walter (Freddie) Hall; six grandchildren: Marcus, Jessica, Anthony, Priya, Russell III, and Jermaine; and one great-grandson: Jordan Marcus Jones; godsons: Quinton Boles and Carl Thornton and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

*A Special Tribute from Your Grandson*

*R.I.P Grandma. I love you so much. All I can do is think about the good times. You were my everything. When my mother said no, you always said yes. But I know God got you now and I know He will take good care of you. So Grandma just look down on me and smile because I won't let you down. You said take care of my family and I will. So you just take it easy up there. Don't worry too hard, but I know you won't. I love you Grandma. You will be missed. Love, Marcus xoxo*