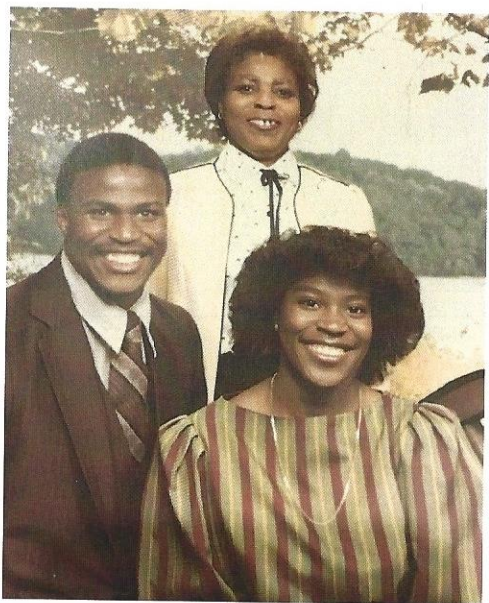


God's Garden - Katie Evans

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and found your precious face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be Thine". It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.



*In Loving Memory
Of Mother*

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Acknowledgements

The family of Augusta Bell Tolliver acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to the Area Agency on Aging of Dayton, Compass Health Care, Ohio Dayton Hospice, Capital Caring Hospice of Virginia, and to all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

*Pallbearers & Flower Bearers
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Celebration of Life



Augusta B. Tolliver

August 12, 1935 - February 7, 2021

*Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 2021*

*St. Luke Missionary B. C.
2262 N. Gettysburg Ave., Dayton*

*Pastor Renard Allen,
Officiating*

Sketch of Life



Augusta Bell Tolliver departed this life on February 7, 2021 at home in Woodbridge, VA after a long illness. Augusta was born to the late Buell and Mattie Lue Branch on August 12, 1935, in a (dime) of a city called Boligee, Alabama. She professed hope in Christ at a young age and was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Boligee. She later relocated to Tuscaloosa, AL for a short time and then decided to move further north, following her beloved older brother Robert Branch, to Dayton, Ohio, in 1960. While in Dayton, she saw that jobs were plentiful and decided to make Dayton, Ohio her home. She found a job! Oh yes, she did, and she joined the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church under the late Reverend Revere followed by the late Reverend Sylvester Walker, and now Reverend Allen. Her last wish was to be with her family in Virginia. Therefore, she relocated to Woodbridge, VA on December 21, 2020 and remained at home until she heard that angelic call.

As a member of the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Augusta gave her voice to the choir, her hands in the kitchen, her heart to the missionary circle, her love to the health & wellness ministry, and lent her ears to the Preached Word, and Sunday School teaching. She practiced her daily walk with Christ in and outside of the "four walls". With her gifts of service, she often found herself in the kitchen of her home fulfilling the request of many family members, friends, and sometimes even strangers to make certain food items such as sweet potato pies, peach cobbler, German chocolate cake, yams, greens, chitlings, etc. Yes indeed! She also found herself feeding the neighborhood kids. Augusta worked in food services for more than 50 years at various job locations, but retired from the St. Elizabeth Hospital after 24 years of service. In addition, she worked for the Dayton Public School system and often went against the grain by giving kids extra food. She knew how to bring smiles and laughter to your face and belly with her "Whitty" and humorous ways. Augusta started her own business called Granny Kakes, and was a Mary Kay consultant for several years. She loved glamour and fashion!

Augusta was preceded in death by her sisters Rebecca King and Fannie Carpenter; brothers, Richmond and Robert Branch, and her grandson J. Elliot Walker. She leaves to cherish her memories, son Garry Branch (Theda), of Lorton, VA, and daughter Vivian Branch, of Woodbridge, VA; grandchildren Michael Branch, Michaela Branch, and Emmanuel Walker; sisters, Mattie Franklin and Roenia Piner; brothers, James and John Branch; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephew, other loving family members and friends.

Dearest family and friends, my journey is now complete. Eternal life and wholeness in body I need no longer seek. I have fought the good fight, stayed true to the course, resting happily in the arms of Jesus, I am. So, rejoice! God Bless you all!

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Scripture Readings.....Pulpit
 Old Testament - Psalm 121
 New testament - Revelations 21:1-5
Prayer of Comfort.....Pulpit
Musical Selection.....St. Luke Music Ministry
Obituary / Poem.....(Please read silently)
Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....St. Luke Music Ministry
Eulogy.....Pastor Renard Allen
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....West Memory Gardens
 Please wear a mask during Service and
 Interment. Please also remember
 Social Distancing, Thanks

Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (nkip)
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.