



## Nova L. Curley

June 23, 1924 - March 19, 2019

Nova Lois Curley, the oldest of seven children was born on June 23, 1924 to the late Stinner Ann and Hardee Roelius Lee in Clayton County North Carolina. She moved to Baltimore, MD as a very young child with her parents and four siblings where they would remain as family and the two youngest siblings were born.

Nova was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1942. Nova found employment with various local businesses and just as she became an independent working young woman, she was tasked with her very important role as an adult. Her mother suddenly passed away in 1944 at the age of 42 leaving the family with four minor daughters to be carried for, the youngest was 10 years old. Two years later, Nova gave birth to her first-born child, a son, Adrian O. Lee. She took care of her son and siblings, helped her father maintain and manage the household all while working full time.

Nova would some years later meet the love of her life, the late Sylvester L. Curley, Sr., who also had a son Sylvester, Jr. Of their union two daughters were born, the late Kim R. Acosta and Cheryl A. Curley. They were united in marriage and continued to nurture and build a strong family life. With the passing of her husband in 1976, she continued as the family matriarch supporting herself and family as a special parts welder for the Westinghouse Corporation. She gave her employer 25 years of faithful service and retired at age 60 and focused on her true passion as a homemaker, mother, sister, grand and great grandmother.

Nova accepted the call to salvation as a child worshiping with her parents and siblings at Southern Baptist Church. She continued her Christian discipleship at two other houses of worship in the Baltimore area before she started attending Bethel A.M.E. Church with her daughter Cheryl and grandsons. Nova later joined the Bethel family where she actively attended until her health began to fail. On March 19, 2019 at 1:00pm in accordance with God's divine appointment, Nova was heard saying her prayers, thanking her heavenly Father and closed her eyes to begin her final rest. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stinner and Hardee Lee, spouse, Sylvester L. Curley, Sr., daughter, Kim Acosta, brother, William Lee, sisters, Clevis Gamble and Elsie Lee, five nephews and two nieces. Memories of her love will be cherished in the hearts of her surviving family: son, Adrian

Lee; daughter, Cheryl Curley; brother, Edward Lee (Doris); sisters, Lurl Johnson and Doris Adams (Adolphus); five grandsons, Sean Lee, Norman Maxwell, Nicodemus Acosta, Jalan and Joshua Duduley; five granddaughters, Tammie Lee, Geisha Faulkner, Ebony McCrea (Jeff), Jourdan and Janai Curley; five great grandsons, five great granddaughters, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives, extended family and friends.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Baltimore Cemetery**

Baltimore, MD,

**MAR** **Viewing** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore

1101 East North Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21202

**MAR** **Wake** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Bethel A.M.E. Church

1300 Druid Hill Avenue, Balto., MD, US, 21217

**MAR** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - March 22 at 02:01 PM