



## Annie C. Bland

November 28, 1931 - April 29, 2020

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### OBITUARY

Ms. Annie Christine (McArthur) Bland, lovingly known as “Christine”, slipped away peacefully on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at home. She was born on November 28, 1931 in Lumberton, NC to the late Josh and Hettie Martin McArthur. She was the 11th of 14 children, 12 of whom preceded her in death. Chris was introduced to the Lord at an early age and remained actively involved all of her life. She served as church-school superintendent, teacher, children-church pianist and chair member. She was always willing to assist wherever needed at Mount Zion Methodist Church. Chris later joined Union Baptist Church in 1981 and served on the senior choir and as a Deaconess. She also participated in many other church activities.

Self-improvement and helping others less fortunate were a lifelong mission for Chris. She was educated in the public schools of Robeson County, Lumberton, North Carolina. She furthered her education at the school of nursing at Kate Bitting Hospital in Winston Salem, NC where she received her nursing diploma. Chris moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she continued

her education receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters of Public Health Degree from John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

During Christine's career, she implemented several programs as the public health aspect of healthcare in the University of Maryland Hospital. She hired public-health nurses in the Maternal and Child Health Department who worked to assist the hospital nurses to become more sensitive to the needs of families when discharged to the home. The Concept of public health was well accepted and was implemented in many other departments within the hospital.

Chris returned to her first love, the community as the Nursing Director of a community health center in the nine hundred block of Edmondson Ave. She was able to obtain a grant from the State Health Department and started a Cancer Screening service for women. The program was made possible through the cooperation of the Pastors in the area and screening took place after Sunday service. That program proved to have been a worthwhile effort in case-finding and early treatment of cancer in women. Chris was able to add Health Nurses to the staff and establish a Certified Home-Health Agency program to the home-bound elderly population. In 1993 Chris retired from the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene after having devoted 41 years to the profession of Nursing. She will be remembered because of her boundless interests and gifting human services.

Following retirement, she used her time and skills as a Board member of the Rockdale Association and a Real Estate Agent to assist many families and individuals to realize the dream of home ownership, using special funded programs available to them. Chris was able to assist in realizing the important American dream of home ownership. For fun and relaxation, she enjoyed fishing, traveling, family gatherings, and mostly spending time with her great

granddaughter Brielle. She was a Charter member of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority Pi Chapter.

Annie Christine McArthur was married to the late Lester Bland and from that union they became proud parents of two children, Ronald and Leslie. Grieved by her passing are her children, Ronald Bland and Leslie Bland-Williams and son-in-law, Ronald Williams; three wonderful grandchildren, Kellie Christine Bland who is now living and working in Monterrey, Mexico for the Department of State; Daniel Hairston, Jr., Brittany Grant and husband, Jason Grant; great-granddaughter, Brielle Hairston, 9 years old; and sister, Frances M. Cummings of Lumberton, North Carolina. Also, a special daughter, Della Bland; caregiver, Karen Yarbrough; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Druid Ridge Cemetery

7900 Park Heights Avenue

# Previous Events

## Wake

MAY 8. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Annie C. Bland, Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM

DM

*Ronald, Leslie I am truly saddened by the loss of your mother. My deepest and most sincere condolences to you and your family. May her soul be at peace with our heavenly father. Care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. The fond memories of your mother and the class she portrayed was simply beautiful. I will continue to pray for you and your family and may God continue to provide you with much needed strength during this time of sorrow.*

*Much Love, Denise Mance*

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**Denise Mance** - May 07, 2020 at 09:01 AM

SR

*Dear Family,*

*My sincerest condolences to you all during this stressing time. May you find peace and joy through loving memories.*

*With love,  
Shannel Roberts*

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**Shannel Roberts** - May 08, 2020 at 11:54 AM

LW

*To Leslie and Family,  
I thank God for Ms. Christine, she really encouraged to me when we  
had service at the Nursing Home. Minister.*

*Leslie, may God grant you Peace and keep you in His loving arms.*

*Your Sister Friend  
Lesa*

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**Lesa Wiggins** - May 08, 2020 at 01:44 PM

JW

*Our sympathy to Ronald and Leslie May God grant you peace*

*from the Woodson Family*

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**Jacqueline Woodson** - May 08, 2020 at 04:32 PM

BG

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Chris and I experienced  
many good times. She was the best nurse consultant ever! My  
condolences to the family. RiH my dear.*

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**Bernadette Green** - June 19, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Annie C. Bland*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

LC

“ *To Leslie and Family,  
My condolences. Christine encouraged me so much from the time  
we first met. I miss her truly and will never forget her. I will stay in  
touch with you Leslie.*

*Love,  
Laverne Clinton*

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**Laverne Clinton** - June 02, 2020 at 03:56 PM

“ To the family and friends of Ms. Annie Bland, Tahira and I would like to offer our sincere condolences for the loss of your mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, nieces, nephews and a host of friends who loved Annie and will miss you her soft spoken voice and her contagious smile that will light up the darkness moment. Eventhough I've only known her for a brief period of time, she was the type of person you wish you've known longer. I cherished her conversations with me, even on the telephone I could hear her smile and see her face light up during our conversation. She was so proud of her accomplishments and her desires to help our community. She shared with me her desires of many years ago and what it took to accomplished her goals. She would say " With God's help I was able to ...." After each and every conversation, I was amazed with her accomplishments and how she worked so hard to make a better life for not only her but for her family and her community with less resources than we have at our fingertips today. My first introducing to your love one, I greeted her as Mrs. Bland. I observed her calmness, kindness, sincereness, the love she had for everyone around her, her beautiful smile, the sparkle in her eyes and her soft touch when she held my hand, I will never forget that day.

From that day going forward I called her "Mom" because she was well deserving of such a title.

To the family, you were certainly blessed to have "Mom" in your lives as long as you did. I wish I would have had the opportunity as you did to enjoy her company and to listen to more of her history. She was amazing women.

Today your heart is heavy  
With sorrow and grief  
But as days turn to months  
May you find sweet relief  
In knowing your loved one  
Is not far away  
But is with you in spirit

*Every hour of the day  
Helena Steiner Rice*

*Please know, she was truly loved by you. She didn't want to leave you behind but God called her home to be him. It is well with her soul*

*Gwendolyn Lindsay*

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**Gwen Lindsay** - May 16, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ *Truly Mo. Christine allowed her light and love for Christ to come through in everything that she did. She encouraged me in nursing and had such a gentle spirit. Her legacy will live for ever in our hearts. God continue to bless the family. Lorraine Chavis Jax. FL*



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**Lorraine Chavis** - May 11, 2020 at 08:58 AM

LE

*Amen Thank you Pastor Lorraine!*

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**leslie** - May 12, 2020 at 08:18 PM



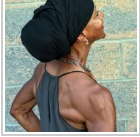
“ *To Leslie, Ronald and Family,*

*Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you face the coming days and weeks. May God comfort your hearts with peace and great memories of your mom that will triumph over the sadness until you meet again. Love and hugs,*

*Bridget and Cal*

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**B** - May 08, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *I pray for comfort for the family during this very difficult time and that you find peace and joy in the happy memories of your mom, grandmom, great-grandmom just as we are about to approach mother's day. May she always remain in your heart and that one day your mourning will change to dancing in the delightful memories of her. Deborah Myers Davis, granddaughter of Mamie Gill the sister of your mom's mother.*

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**Deborah Davis** - May 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *To The Family,*

*I hope that our Lord brings you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. My condolences to you and your family.*

*From Gregory McMichael & Tasia Ingram*

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**Tasia Ingram** - May 08, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *To Ron and family,*

*Your friends from the 73 NW Wildcat Alumni wish you and your family peace and comfort. Please know you are in our thoughts and in our hearts. Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Sharon Fisher** - May 08, 2020 at 11:50 AM

AS

“ Ronald and Leslie, you and the family are in my prayers during this difficult time. I remember the fun moments Julius, the children and I shared together in Baltimore with the family. May your mother rest in peace. God bless and keep you and give you peace. Your cousin Annie Stanley and family.

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**ANNIE STANLEY** - May 08, 2020 at 11:25 AM

SG

“ Dear Bland Family,

*Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of Mother Bland. We always enjoyed being in her company in many family occasions! Ed and I will miss her warm smile, her sense of humor and her grace.*

*God Bless All Of You and Though She Has Entered Eternal Rest, She Will Dwell In Your Hearts and Warm Memories Always!!! We Love You!!*

*Love in Jesus Christ,  
Edward and Sheila Green*

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**Sheila Green** - May 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM

DM

“ RONALD, LESLIE I am truly saddened by the loss of your mother. My deepest and most sincere condolences to you and your family. The care and love of those around you will provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. The fond memories I have of your mother and the classiness she portrayed was simply beautiful. May God continue to provide you and your family with strength during this sorrowful time.

*Love You Both  
Denise Mance*

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**Denise Mance** - May 08, 2020 at 10:34 AM

TM

“ May God’s continuous love, comfort and give peace To the family. Praying that God will carry each and every love one and friends in his loving arms as reflected by the footsteps in the sand.

*Lovingly submitted,  
Theresa M.*



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**Theresa McWay** - May 08, 2020 at 09:01 AM

LD

“ Thank you Soror Bland for chartering PI Chapter of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority. Your vision and tireless efforts created a model for all of us who followed and now serve our community. Christine's life was well lived and will be long remembered. Her beautiful smile is now illuminating Paradise.

*Rest in Paradise,  
Soror Loretta F. Daniel (PI)  
Eastern Regional Director*

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**Loretta Daniel** - May 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM

LN

“ *This is from mrs Ashley and mr Leonard Nicholson, sorry about lost .could not be there.but we are thinging about you in our prayers*

leonard nicholson - May 08, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ *I'll always remember Cousin Christine as my Daddy's fishing buddy. I can imagine those two, right now...pulling in the catch of all catches! Leslie and Ron, you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. You have my deepest sympathy. Sending love, hugs and blessings. Your Cousin Vonita*

Vonita Townes - May 07, 2020 at 11:27 PM

RB

*Thank you cuz*

Ronald Bland - May 13, 2020 at 03:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annie C. Bland.*



May 07, 2020 at 05:48 PM

TT

“ She was a beautiful flower, picked by God's own hand. Her life exemplified so much grace, her smile peaked through like sunshine on a rainy day. She was strength to those that knew her, she was love to those that walked with her. This beautiful angel, she was one in a million. We will miss her but we know that she is now flying on the wings of the most high. Family know that we are praying for you and that we love you. May God continually give you comfort and strength in the days ahead.

*Lovingly Submitted,  
The Tucker Family*

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**Timeka Tucker** - May 07, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CP

“ Leslie Bland Williams & Family, Mom Christine Bland is my Cutie Pie Mom. She loved makeup, clothes and shoes. Mom Christine loved shopping and we styled her up with outfits for cruises or leisure travel with her Daughter Leslie. One day, I think the Glitter on a blouse, I picked out just plucked her nerves. Mom called Leslie the next morning let's take it back too much Glitter Glitter. (Smile). She was a Classy, Elegant, Woman of Dignity. Mom Christine loved Pink Lipstick wore it well, also a Mary Kay Representative her Lip colors last all day. We had the best discussions, I'm thanking God for my Girlie Mom gifted, precious, loving and Woman of wisdom, I really love her.

*Leslie, Danny, Briel, Ron Williams, Ronald Bland, you all you are dear in my heart. My prayer that God continues to strengthen your hands in this Season. Your Mom is a blessing; such a kind, sweetest Woman of God I know! All the Glory to God for her Life.*

*Love you all  
Connie Parr*

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**Connie Parr** - May 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM

LB

*Thank you Connie for helping Mom look good. Thanks for sharing your memories.*

*Love Leslie*

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**Leslie Bland-Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BK

“ *Ronnie and Leslie, on behalf of the Bill Kane, jr. Family, I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to you both on the passing of your Mother. Mrs. Bland was one of my best Sunday School teachers from my youth when I attended Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at the corner of Liberty Heights and Wabash Avenue. I will always have fond memories of our childhood and Mrs. Bland's lessons. May God uplift you both.*  
*W.H. Kane, Jr., JD*

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**Bill Kane** - May 06, 2020 at 05:48 PM

RB

*Thank you are well*

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**Ronald Bland** - May 07, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Annie C. Bland.*



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May 06, 2020 at 11:41 AM

HD

“ Ronald and Leslie, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She fought a good fight and was blessed to have you both taking such good care of her. May God's grace comfort you and your family during this time. Harold Dameron...."H.A.D." ”

Harold Dameron - May 06, 2020 at 11:12 AM

CT

“ To the Bland and McArthur Families: Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. In November, 2019, her daughter, Leslie and her son-in-law, Ronald, drove cousin Christine down to Lumberton, NC to visit her last surviving sibling, Frances McArthur-Cummings. I met cousin Christine for the first time on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, which was her 88th birthday. Cousin Christine was well-groomed. I could not get over how good she looked. I was able to sing happy birthday to her along with Leslie, Ronald, and Frances. Christine was happy to visit her sister and she told me that she loved her sister's new home. Through DNA, I told Christine that our roots can be traced back to year 1681. Christine, Rest in Peace!



Cousin Carletta Thompson - May 06, 2020 at 01:51 AM

DP

“ The Lambda Chapter of Tau Gamma Delta honors our beloved Soror Annie Bland.

Dr. Dolores Davis Paylor - May 05, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DP

“ *Dr. Dolores Davis Paylor lit a candle in memory of Annie C. Bland*



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**Dr. Dolores Davis Paylor** - May 05, 2020 at 03:45 PM

TM

“ *Ms. Annie Bland was a sweet, loving woman of God. I was saddened to hear this news. So sorry for your loss. Sending my love and condolences to her family at this time. May she Rest In Peace.*



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**Tammy Mosley** - May 05, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ *May God sustain you during the passing of Ms. Annie. She was a sweet, soft spoken woman of God. God be with you. Theresa Parham*

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**Theresa Parham** - May 05, 2020 at 01:28 AM



“ *To the family of Ms. Christine Bland may*

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**Theresa Parham** - May 05, 2020 at 01:23 AM

DM

“ On behalf of Pi Chapter of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc., we wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of our sorority sister, Christine Bland. Not only was Christine our sorority sister, but she as a charter member or a founder of Pi Chapter in Baltimore in 1957. Christine was smart, hardworking, diligent and very organized. She could always find a way to resolve issues.

We give tribute to Christine Bland, knowing that without her insight, our sorority would not be in existence today. May you rest in peace our beloved sister. We will miss you but you will always be in our hearts!

Sorrowfully,  
Doreen McKenzie, President  
Pi Chapter  
Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.

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Doreen McKenzie - May 04, 2020 at 10:48 PM

DH

“ In the memory of Annie C. Bland, Rest In Peace to a beautiful soul, mom, sister & friend. May God hold you in His wings in eternal life & love. Much sympathy, Donna & Mike H



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Donna Hons - May 04, 2020 at 09:44 PM

LB

Thank you Donna and Mike!

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Leslie Bland-Williams - May 07, 2020 at 10:50 AM

SD

“ *Doug and I was so very sorry for your loss. Please remember the happy memories you have made over the years. May God bless you and your family during these sad times.*

*Doug and Sadie!*

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**sadie and Doug** - May 04, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RA

“ *Rolanda L. Allison lit a candle in memory of Annie C. Bland*



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**Rolanda L. Allison** - May 04, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ Aunt Christine and I were very close!

*Over the years we shared some good times together.*

*Back in 1987 as a Real Estate Agent, she was very helpful in finding & purchasing our HOME OF TODAY.*



*We always enjoyed visiting her.*

*She always welcome us with a beauty smile, and a positive attitude.*

*We loved taking pictures together and having conversations about Family History.*

*So glad I got another change to visit & talk to her last week & tell her how much I loved her.*

*"May the Winds of "HEAVEN" blow softly and whisper in Your ear. How much we love and miss you."*

*You will forever be in our hearts,*

*"REST IN PEACE"*

*Aunt Christine*

*Love,*

*Celeste (Niece) Edward & Garrett*

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Cestinia Bazemore - May 03, 2020 at 05:00 PM

LH

“ Dear Ronald and Leslie,

*I know how you both are feeling right now because it has been 36 years since my mother passed and it still touches my heart so deeply as if it were yesterday. Each day I relish in the memories of her strength, her laughter, and her personal touch on so many lives. You will do this always and like me you will carry on. Rest assured, our mothers are together in heaven proud of their children because, "we got this." Anything we can't handle, God will.*



*Stay blessed,*

*<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle5.png>*

*Lenda Powell Hill*

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**Lenda P. Hill** - May 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM

RB

*Thank you*

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**Ronald Bland** - May 07, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JW

“ Dearest Ronald, Leslie, & The Bland Family:

*I was so honored to spend time with your mom when our moms spent time together as we grew up. Christine Bland has always been a gracious, soft spoken and loving woman, who brought calm and quiet joy to any room she entered. Quiet truth, strength and beauty. I know if I'm blessed enough to make it to heaven, she'll be there. May the Lord Jesus wrap you in His Infinite Love and tender care during this difficult time and always.*

*Love,  
Jewell Mills Woods and Family*

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**Jewell Mills Woods** - May 01, 2020 at 10:52 PM

LB

*Thank you!  
Ron and Leslie*

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**Leslie Bland-Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 09:23 AM

JK

“ *Chris was a very dear friend for over 50 years and will be greatly missed. She was such an intelligent, determined, talented, strong, family lady. Her smile would light up the room. She lived a good life, was strong in her faith, and has gone to her reward. I pray for her family that their warm and loving memories of her will be a source of comfort.*

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**Judith Kitz** - May 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM

LB

*Thank you Ms. Judy!*

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**Leslie Bland-Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 09:23 AM



Charlene  
Delacruz

“ Our beloved Annie Christine Bland, the matriarch of our family passed from this life peacefully at home. My mother died when I was 16. This lady continued to raise me as her own. Because of her belief in me I made it in college. She would encourage and literally cheer me on during phone conversations. Lol!!

*Her presence would light up any room with her smile and laughter. She had so much wisdom and insight and shared it with many. “Dream big” was her motto! Nothing is impossible she would say in such a loving way.*

*She was a registered nurse, master degree in nursing, taught nursing and worked many years for the Department of health for the state of Maryland. When she retired, she still had energy and wanted to help people and became an awesome real estate agent( people are still living in those homes) and Mary Kay consultant. And still found time to take piano lessons.*

*She always encouraged and challenge us to acquire our dreams and would offer us help in managing our money. Lol*

*I remember her telling us stories about how she worked in the cotton fields of North Carolina and would watch the airplanes pass and say “one day” I’m going to be on one of those and traveled the world”. And she did!*

*So glad I got a chance to talk to you last week and tell you how much I love you. You asked me was I still singing in a choir and playing. I’m going to miss you. I’m going to miss coming to Baltimore and you always making sure that we would have crab night. I’m going to miss your loving touch and your warm embrace. I’m going to miss you asking me to play the piano for you and go over some of the music that you were working on. But you live such a full life you were able to accomplish so many things and so many people by your works. So rest easy. Leslie Bland-Williams Ronald Bland and I will continue and strive to live out your legacy. ❤️*

**Charlene Delacruz** - May 01, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LB

*This is so beautiful my sister cousin. She loved you so much and thought the world of you. She could not wait to see you and Dr, Angel. We would laugh and have so much fun together of course after eating crabs..LOL.,*

*Love ya always!  
Ron and Leslie*

**Leslie Bland-Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 09:29 AM

LE

“*Mom you were the light of my life and our family. I love you so much, you were not only my mother but my best friend. You will be missed but will always remembered the fun times we were together. Your love will forever be in my heart and will extend to our family. Love you Mom R.I.P.*



**leslie** - May 01, 2020 at 07:15 PM

DM

*Leslie,  
My prayers are with you and yours. You have my deepest sympathy. I am here as you may need me. 🙏🙏🙏*

**Dr. Vivian Mack** - May 01, 2020 at 08:27 PM

DM

*We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Your mother is in a better place where there is no more sickness, death, tears and the like. May she rest in peace.*

**Dr. Vivian Mack** - May 01, 2020 at 08:30 PM

LB

*Thank you so much Dr. Mack!*

**Leslie Bland-Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 01, 2020 at 10:35 AM