



Laura A. Skinner

December 13, 1946 - June 21, 2020

Thank you in advance for adhering to the standard COVID-19 safety protocols during the Public Viewing, Family Hour and Homegoing Service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Laura Skinner's name to: the Bessie Wood Education Grant at Providence Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD; Morgan State University; or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Your gift of love could make the world of difference in someone's life.

Laura Ann Gibbs Skinner, a native Baltimorean, was the second child of six children born to Odell and Clarence Gibbs, Sr. Laura's heart overflowed with love for her family and friends with whom she shared many wonderful times full of music, poetry, and dance. Laura graduated from the then all-girls Eastern High School in 1964 where she was among the first class of African American women marking the end of the school's era of segregation. While studying for her Bachelor's Degree at Morgan State College (now University), Laura met, and later married, Michael W. Skinner in 1968.

After completing her undergraduate degree, also in 1968, Laura began her career as an educator in the Baltimore City Public School System teaching at Hamilton and Lemmel Junior High Schools. She and Michael began a family when they had David in 1971. Laura continued her education, completing a Master's Degree in Business Education in 1980 from Morgan, the same year

in which she gave birth to her daughter Alexis. She went on to teach Career and well as, courses at the Community College of Baltimore. As an educator she received numerous awards and certificates and, before she retired from teaching after 40 years in the classroom, she was a department chair at Forest Park Senior High School.

Laura freely shared her many talents and gifts with her church family, growing up attending New Pilgrim Baptist Church in East Baltimore. Laura demonstrated her belief in Christian service by being an active member at Providence Baptist Church for nearly 50 years. There Laura joined the Trustee Board. Her other service at Providence included singing with the Young Adult Choir/Psalmodists of Praise and the Combined Choir. Demonstrating her dedication to educating children and young people, Laura served many years as a Sunday Church School and Vacation Bible School teacher through the Board of Christian Education. She often used her expressive storytelling skills as a Children's Meditation leader. In addition, Laura served on many committees, ministries, and clubs including: the Bus Ministry, V.A.R. Club, and Douglas E. Summers Progressive Workers.

Anyone who knew Laura can testify that she was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a cheerful grandmother, an engaged aunt, and a very special friend to many. In her free time, especially during the times of summer vacation, Laura looked forward to taking her children, nieces, and nephews on trips when they were younger. As her children grew older Laura made sacrifices to make sure they enjoyed exploring interests on their own domestically and abroad.

Laura leaves to cherish her memory, her children: David and Alexis; grandchildren, Joshua, Jonathan, and Harper; siblings, Charles Gibbs, Roeyah (Barbara) Gibbs, and Sheila Gibbs. She also leaves beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, lifelong sister-friends Charlene Davis, Annie Gordon, and Sondra her Providence Baptist Church family. Laura was

preceded in passing by her parents, her brother Clarence Gibbs, Jr., and her sister, Joyce Gibbs. Laura was the glue that kept her family together through good times and challenging times. Laura's door was always open to friends, and her shoulder was always ready for someone to lean upon. Her passing leaves a void, but her life gave us all treasured memories and valuable lessons.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JUL 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church
1401 Pennsylvania Ave
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura A. Skinner*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Deacon Denise Ruffin*

To Alexis David grandchildren m family it has been a joy being able to be able to share in the life of such a phenomenal woman. Laura Skinner was a blessing I will continually keep you in my prayers. May God’s peace continue to bee with you!

Denise Ruffin - July 16, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *To the family of Laura, I thank you for the time that allow me to have her as a friend. She was older than me, but we share so much time together in the clubs, choirs and services at church. She was such a kind, giving and humble person. She participated in my 60th Birthday cruise to the Caribbean with 9 others and she had a blast of a time. She showed us how to have fun since she was the experienced "cruiser". She had gone on several cruises around the world. She moved slow, but kept up with all of the activities. Her way of doing things was to be willing to help, support and taking advantage of a teaching moment to show me the right way of saying and doing the right thing. She had a warm heartfelt mannerisms, an infectious smile and a contagious spirit to love. Thank you Alexis and David. Deacon Cynthia Bentley*



Deacon Cynthia Bentley - July 13, 2020 at 10:10 PM

RS

“ Rachel Smith lit a candle in memory of Laura A. Skinner



Rachel Smith - July 13, 2020 at 01:32 PM

BD

“ My prayers are with the family Mother Laura A. Skinner, keep the faith no he is God, in he makes no mistakes,

Bishop Brock A. L. Brown D. D., - July 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM

RS

“ Sending airway hugs to the family. Laura was a beautiful soul with a giving spirit. She will truly be missed. I know that she is with her Heavenly Father, no pain and resting peacefully

Rosetta Styles - July 06, 2020 at 05:02 PM

RS

“ Rosetta Styles lit a candle in memory of Laura A. Skinner



Rosetta Styles - July 06, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ 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 - June 25, 2020 at 03:22 PM

WC

May God continue to bless, and comfort the family. We will miss Laura's beautiful spirit and smile. She really loved the Lord and God loved her. The retirement group will miss you at our monthly luncheon. We know that God never fails. Rest in peace Laura. We love you but God loved you best.

William Cunningham - July 02, 2020 at 11:39 PM

EG

May God bless your family. Laura was a beautiful soul. I pray that her family to continue to stay strong in the Lord. Emmalene Garrett-Penn

Emmalene garrett-Penn - July 13, 2020 at 06:04 PM