



## Lela Mae Hughes

December 13, 1945 - May 27, 2023

LELA M. ALSTON HUGHES was born December the 13th, 1945 to the late Willie and Anna Francis Alston. She was born in the home of her godfather, Reverend Charles and Aunt Josephine Horns, at 1503 East Jefferson Street. Lela was the 3rd of 6 children. She was preceded in death by her siblings Shirley, Willie, James and Ronald Alston.

Lela was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System and graduated from Carver Vocational High School. She also attended Catonsville Community College. Lela had a 40-year career working at Waverly Press (Cadmus Journal Services). While working there she had many jobs from bindery clerk, mail desk associate, prep clerk, illustrations planner and account coordinator. After 40 years, she decided to retire to take care of her sick family and to serve more time in her church.

Lela was a lifetime member of Triumph Missionary Baptist Church under her godfather, the late Reverend Charles Horns. She joined the church at the age of 5 years old and remained a lifelong, faithful member (now Triumph Christian Church), under her beloved pastor, Bishop Pompey H. Swan.

Sister Lela, as she was known, ran the soup kitchen. She also ran community outreach, serving thousands of meals for over 10 years.

Lela loved, valued and cherished, collecting rare coins. And over the years, she amassed a substantial collection of coins and other rare currency.

Above all things, Lela valued her family. She deeply enjoyed researching her family history. This included making several trips to Tillery, North Carolina to research the family history back to the Tillery Plantation. She also organized the first large scale family reunion in 1981.

Lela was affectionately known by many terms of endearment or nick names. Those names included "Snow Baby," "Lee-Lee", "Lee", "Mavis" and "Nada. "

Lela is survived by: her sister, Francine Alston-Ball; children, Andre D. Tyler and Tiffany L. Hughes; grandchildren, Saeed O. Sydnor and Noah A. Tyler; ex-husband, Franklin Hughes; godsister, Brenda Williams; as well as five nieces, four nephews, co-workers, church members, neighbors, other family and friends.

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# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Triumph Christian Church  
2200 E. Oliver Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *May God comfort the Huhges family at this time.*

*Stevie J. Spencer*

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**Stevie Spencer** - June 05, 2023 at 07:04 PM

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“ *To the Alston / Hughes Family, please accept my token of Sympathy during this very difficult time. I'm sure Lela will truly be missed. She's resting, and no longer in pain.*

*Respectfully,*

*Linda A. Harris*

*harriswms61@gmail.com*

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**Linda** - June 02, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lela Mae Hughes.*



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June 01, 2023 at 07:31 AM

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“ *I send my condolences to the entire family, may God comfort you at this time.*

*Praying for you,*

*Alfreda Richardson*

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**Alfreda Richardson** - May 31, 2023 at 10:51 PM

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“ *Seasons change and songs do fade.*

*Death can never be detached in our fate;*

*Don't worry we will meet them someday.*

*I heaven where eternal happiness stay.*

*My Deepest Condolence.*

*Alston family, from Washington DC*

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**Christine Alston** - May 31, 2023 at 05:23 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 27, 2023 at 03:40 PM