



Lelia O. Ransom

April 5, 1915 - January 20, 2005

Lelia O. Ransom was born in Prince George County, Virginia on April 5, 1915. She was the second of eight children born to the late Walter Bruce Johnson and Gertrude Estelle Johnson (Harrison). Five of her siblings preceded her in death. GOD, through HIS infinite wisdom, allowed her to join HIM while comfortable at home on January 20, 2005. The Johnson family moved to Richmond Virginia when Lelia was a young child. She was educated in the Richmond public schools, graduating from Armstrong High School in 1933. Lelia received her early religious training, and was baptized, at the Mosby Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. In 1934, Lelia married Linwood Henry Ransom and this union, which lasted until his death in 1965, produced twelve children-six males and six females. She was preceded in death by three of her children - Ruby M., William A. and Walter B. and two grandchildren - William Albert and Dischelle Britto. The Ransom family settled in Baltimore in the early 1940's. Lelia worked, for a while, at the American Can Company and later in a grocery store, which she and her husband operated in East Baltimore. Momma, as she was affectionately known to many, made her mark as a care giver for her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and the children of others. Momma's greatest legacy is the loving and positive impact she has on her family and the children she baby-sat over the last fifty years. Her lasting influence was due to her calm, loving, and patient demeanor as well as her quick wit. Momma always displayed the encouraging quality of great inner strength and she was never one to complain. Lelia joined

the Ebenezer Baptist Church, during the Pastorate of the late Reverend Clarence Poole, and was regular in attendance even when challenged by her health. In 1980 she was honored as one of "Ebenezer's Best", Momma enjoyed traveling around the United States with several of her children and frequently visiting her relatives in the Richmond area. The wives and husbands of her children have always considered themselves as her daughters and sons - never as in-laws. In fact, her great cooking cemented the relationship she enjoyed with the husbands of several daughters. She also enjoyed celebrating the achievements of her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Honoring her memory and legacy are Linwood H. (Jr.) and Joan, James E. and Rita, Robert E. and Dorothy, Virginia E. and Claude Lindsey, Geraldine L. and George Thomas, Delores J. and Lawrence Killete, Helen M. and Earl Smith Jr., and her youngest daughter and son, Lelia O. Thompson and Reginald E.; three daughters-in love, Christine Thomas Ransom, Minnie Jones Ransom and Deborah Ransom; two devoted sisters, Gracie Booker and Beatrice Harrison of Richmond, VA; a brother-in-law, Joshua Booker of Richmond, VA; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Johnson of Cherry Hill, New Jersey and Christine Johnson of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; twenty-seven grandchildren, forty seven great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; forty-seven great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lelia O. Ransom*

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“ *10 years ago and I still check this website to see ur face and read your obituary I miss you more that you will ever know keep resting momma luv Toni*

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“ *to Helen Smith and family, my heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. I will be thinking of you and your family and you are in my prayers. God Bless you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Barbara Chowning##imported-end##*

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“ *We like to send our heartfelt sympathy to Helen Smith and family. At times like this we are so so sad but we know that this is not the way that God intended things to be we where created to live forever. Take comfort in knowing that there is going to be a resurrection of the righteous. remember Lelia Ransom (your mother)is in God's book of memories. We love you all.##imported-begin##Darrell&Arnita Smith##imported-end##*

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“ May God bless and keep you in his care.##imported-begin##Vera Wood##imported-end##

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“ To Delores, Lelia and Family - it is with deepest of heartfelt sympathy that I extend to you my condolences during your hour of loss and bereavement. Rest assured in knowing that your mom is in a better place, free from suffering and the cares of this world. Take it from me personally, time will make this easier to bear.##imported-begin##Roger N. Evans (USPS)##imported-end##

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“ To Helen & Family: My condolences and prayers go out to you and the family. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##James Hungerford##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the Ransom family during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you. Rhoda H. Gill & Family (Friend of Conrad A. Ransom)##imported-begin##Rhoda H. Gill##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Isaiah 25:8,9 where God says that he will swallow up death forever and he will wipe the tears from all faces. May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ To the friends and family of Lelia Ransom I would like to extend my deepest sympathy. I realize that the loss of a loved one is a very difficult thing to cope with. That's why I find the words at Psalms 34:18 where God himself says that he "is near to those that are broken at heart and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." During this time of mourning I hope you can find comfort knowing that God is there to help you.##imported-begin##Viktoria Waith##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Daniel 12:2 says- "And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up, these to indefinitely lasting life. May this promise add to your strength in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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