



Oglatha J. Pinkney

August 5, 1926 - May 31, 2018

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.” Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)

Oglatha Johnsie Hines Pinkney was born on August 5th, 1926 in Rockingham, North Carolina to Richmond and Johnsie Hines. She was the younger and only sister of Australia Hines who predeceased her.

Oglatha's early years were framed by a loving environment with her maternal and paternal families. Always involved, she played on her high school basketball team, was a member of her high school choir and was an accomplished pianist who played dance music for her friends after school. She graduated from Rockingham High School on June 2nd, 1945 and moved to Baltimore to join her parents who had a year prior, moved 'north' for better opportunities.

Oglatha grew into a beauty, both inside and out. She is best known for being classy, sophisticated and drop-dead gorgeous. Oglatha's signature dressed-to-the-nines outfits were always completed with her one-of-a-kind hats. She was always stunning. A stunning woman whose culinary skills were unrivaled; her chicken wings, potato salad and apple pies were as tasty as her stuffed leg of lamb and slow roasted brisket. Her home was always tastefully

appointed and welcoming.

When she came to Baltimore, she began studying at Morgan State College where her sister was an upperclassman. Unfortunately, two years into her college tenure, her mother had a massive stroke and Oglatha, with her generous soul and commitment to family, left school to care for her mother. She also began working as a legal secretary.

While at Morgan State College, she met her soon-to-be husband, Brown Morgan Pinkney, Sr. Her sister had engaged a Political Science tutor who 'happened' to be tutoring her at home when Oglatha arrived one afternoon. He took one look at her and decided that he was going to be the love of her life and stated unequivocally that he was "going to marry", her. He soon and successfully banished all suitors and in the summer of 1947, asked Mr. Hines for her hand. On August 28th, 1949, Oglatha and Brown Morgan Pinkney Sr. were married at the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church by Reverend George Edwards. Oglatha then joined the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion church and began a marriage of nearly 68 years. Her husband was by her side through all of life's joys, and vicissitudes, until his death on August 2nd, 2017.

Oglatha was a devoted wife, a loving mother and generous friend. In 1952, her first daughter and namesake, Oglatha, was born. Following were Rhonda, Portia, Brown Jr. And Anita.

Oglatha began teaching survival skills to unwed mothers long before being hired by the Baltimore City Public Schools System in 1972. Always the educator, she taught each of her children how to read before they began school. She also taught each of them the importance of God, family and community in their lives. Her public and private persona modeled the importance of being loving, kind and generous to all people.

Always civic minded, Oglatha was not only the neighborhood go-to mom, but the advocate for children's rights, civil rights, safety, and education. Active in the church, she led several church organizations and served as a member of many. She continued to participate in the Birthday Girls Club until her health declined. She served on every PTA while her children were in school and assumed leadership roles. She has also served on civic committees, being instrumental in organizing the neighborhood associations and has even advised politicians. She ensured that all of her children completed college, during a time when the prevailing culture was anti higher education for both women and Blacks.

Upon retirement, she and her husband settled into a comfortable life filled with grandchildren who enjoyed a close relationship with them. As she reached her eighties, health challenges began to descend upon her. Led by her professionally medically trained youngest daughter, Anita, Oglatha spent her last years and months under the watchful, loving and determined care of her children.

On May 31 st, 2018, she went to join her husband in Heaven with whom she was bound in love and faith.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her 5 children; Oglatha Ingram (Anderson Sr.) Rhonda Pinkney, Portia Pinkney, Brown Pinkney, Jr. and Anita Pinkney, her 5 grandchildren, Morgan Richmond Pinkney (Tomeka), Benton Isaiah Stephens, Megan Lynette Pinkney (Anthony), Oglatha Aisha Ingram, Anderson Lewis Ingram, Jr. 13 great grandchildren, her nephews, Kenneth Mosely (Marilyn), Isaiah Pinkney (Yvonne), Solleo Pinkney (Patricia) her niece Diana Mosley (Lennell) and her two daughters Tiffany McFadden (Kip) and Ladane Dzirasa (Mawuli), her best friend, Mrs. Mildred Batte, her lifelong girlfriends; Mrs.

Catherine Burks, Mrs. Phyllis Winborne, Mrs. Catherine Blackwell, the Birthday Girls, Barbara Shaw and Delores Walker; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

May our beloved Oglatha rest and rejoice now, in her deserved peace, beyond understanding. May she watch over us always, and in all ways - forever.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

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

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

Family Hour

JUN 10. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion
1128 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21201

Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Oglatha J. Pinkney*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Linda Baker (God daughter) purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Oglatha J. Pinkney.*



Linda Baker (God daughter) - June 07, 2018 at 02:24 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 04, 2018 at 02:46 PM



Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Pinkney family. Dr. Norma Jones and Myrna Clement Jackson wish and abundance of God's grace ,comfort and love as you face these challenges. My mother, Edith Clement was a good friend to both of your parents and children

Myrna Jackson-Cann - June 06, 2018 at 10:43 AM