



Retha Laverne Murphy

May 6, 1927 - November 2, 2002

Retha Laverne Murphy, daughter of the late George and Margaret Hardy, was born on May 16, 1927 in Brooklyn, Maryland. She peacefully slipped away on Saturday, November 2, 2002. Momma received her education in the Baltimore City Public Schools. Retha met and married James O. Murphy on August 17, 1941. To this union seven children were born, James (Junior), Walter (Pete), Ronald (who preceded her in death), Marion, Charles, Dawn and Derrick. After several positions at various jobs, she finally found her niche with the Baltimore City Public School System, where she remained until February 1988. Momma was a wonderful, loving and devoted mother, who always dispensed gems of wisdom that guided our lives. She made numerous friends, because of her gregarious personality. Wherever she went she loved the Lord and never lost her faith despite her illness. Momma enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles, word searches, listening to Heaven 600 "where the real winners are," eating chocolate candy and watching the soaps daily and "J.A.G." on television. Momma was a dedicated member of the St. John United Methodist Church for over fifty years. She was also a member of American Legion Auxiliary #263. She leaves loving memories for her four children, Marion, Charles, Dawn and Derrick; four daughters-in-law, Yvonne, Veronica, Patricia and Nowie; ten grandchildren, Kirk, Jimmy, Willie, Kim, Nicole, Marcus, Daniece, Jalisa, Isaiah and Derrick Jr. (Jeneen preceded her in death); seven great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Retha Laverne Murphy*

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“ *To Ms. Marian, Charles, Dawn, Derrick and the Murphy Family I just learned of the passing of Ms. Murphy and I'm deeply saddened. Please know that your Mother was a beautiful spirit and I am blessed to have had her in my life. May the love of family and friends comfort and strenghten you in the days ahead. Love Kisha##imported-begin##Kisha Stanley Phillips##imported-end##*

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