



## Rita N. Paraway

June 14, 1935 - May 16, 2014

RITA N. JACKSON PARAWAY was the first child born to the late Robert Jackson and the late Arlene Reaves in Baltimore, Maryland on June 14, 1935. She was raised in a loving family. Mother Rita, as she was affectionately known, was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, as a music major. Rita later attended CCBC pursuing a degree in Social Work.

Rita was united in marriage in 1957 to the late Leon Ralph Paraway. From this union was born five children: Terri, Ralph, Michael, Sharon, and Leon aka "Mark." Two sons preceded her in death, Michael and Mark Paraway.

Mother Rita accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age. She attended several churches throughout the Baltimore area during her lifetime. She was a member of Waters and Allen AME churches. In her lifetime, Mother Rita played the piano for various churches throughout the Baltimore area. She became a member of Divine Mission Church, which she attended faithfully until her illness. Mother Rita had a witty sense of humor. She enjoyed gardening, attending church services, music concerts and plays, watching television, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends.

Mother Rita departed this life on Friday, May 16, 2014 after a lengthy illness. She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Terri Bolawa and Sharon White; son, Ralph (Yvonne) Paraway; eight grandchildren, Renard (Jessica), Imani, and Kiara Paraway, Miguel, Janai, and Janise White, Tito and Ikea

Bolawa; eleven great-grandchildren, Ilyana, Zachary, Timothy, Jordan, Imani, Jeremiah, and Jackson Paraway, Mykell White, Madison and Eean Smith, and the newest great grandson, Shane Eley; sister, Evangelist Elsalena Monroe; two brothers, Pastor Allen (Laura) Cuffia and Bishop George Cuffia (one brother, Elder Barry Cuffia, preceded her in death); a life- long friend for over 75 years, Lucille Townsend; older cousins, Gladys Smith and Lou Payne; and other cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and church family members.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 28.** 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita N. Paraway*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 5yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

**Ms Springer** - May 27, 2014 at 08:17 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. Sharon and Janai, my prayers are with you. Just know she is with you always - just a prayer away.*

*Much Love, Mrs. Tina*

**Tina** - May 22, 2014 at 03:10 PM



“ *Our family would like to express condolences to The Paraway Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us that our loved ones have a hope of a resurrection to a beautifully restored paradise earth. He even promises us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

**linn & family** - May 21, 2014 at 02:26 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 21, 2014 at 02:03 PM