



Willa Mae Garr

September 29, 2023

Willa Mae Garr was born April 16, 1940, in Danville, Kentucky to William and Nancy Cooper.

She graduated from Bate High school in 1955. In 1956, she and her grade school sweetheart, Benjamin Allen Garr, were wed. From their marriage, they had four children, Wayne, Shandarese, Benjamin II and Derek. After her sister-in-law passed, she served as a mother figure to Bentley, Anthony, Curtis, Angela and Steven. She also had a special loving relationship with her nieces and nephews, Jeff, Darryl, Kimberly, Bernard, Michelle, Marcel (deceased), Monica, Betty Jo, Turell (deceased), Dottie, Revella, Dellena, Cathy and Gene.

In 1970, she moved to Great Neck, New York and worked for The Merchant Marine Academy as Director of Dining Services for 45 years until retirement. In 1985, she became a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, where she faithfully served alongside her husband as deaconess and member of the choir.

Her soul mate and devoted husband preceded Willa Mae in death. She is survived by: three sons, Wayne (Kathleen), Benjamin (Charlotte) and Derek; one daughter, Shandarese; five granddaughters, Kimberly, Danielle, Tricia, Qiana and Kutima; six grandsons, Derek, Eric, Daron, Sarad and Preston; two sisters, Myrna Herron (Frankfort, KY) and Francis Whitley (Danville, KY); a special friend, Rose Neal of Great Neck, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Viewing will take place Friday at Friendship Baptist Church, 56 Orchard St. Roslyn Heights, from 3-6PM. Service to follow 6-8PM. Final Viewing at Friendship Baptist Church Saturday 9-9:45AM. Interment to follow Nassau Knolls Cemetery. There will be celebratory repast following the burial.

Cemetery Details

Nassau Knolls Cemetery

500 Port Washington Blvd
Port Washington, NY 11050-4295
(516) 944-8530

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church of Roslyn
56 Orchard Street
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Service

OCT 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Final Viewing

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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