

NO REGRETS

It's okay to cry cause your NeNe is not around.

It's okay to miss me and my bossy sound.

I won't mind if you feel sort of sad.

I won't even mind if my departure makes you a little mad.

But don't take too long grieving my exit from here.

Let there be relief in those flow of tears.

And let the good times we've had make you smile real big.

There was lots of love mixed in with everything I did.

My precious family, yes, I'm speaking to you all;

I lived, truly lived out all my days without a pause.

I have no regrets about every second I was granted.

The Matriarch has exited, but dignity and fun I planted.

Let it bloom greatly in your heart and mind.

Be true to one another, faithful, gracious, and kind.

Love NeNe,

Otherwise known as Mom, Sis, Cuz, Auntie, and Friend

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting expressions of kindness shown in deeds and thoughts during the passing of our loved one, Sterlina Vanessa Littlejohn.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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Celebrating the Life of "Queen" Sterlina Vanessa Littlejohn

Sunrise: September 2, 1953 ~ Sunset: November 1, 2023



Memorial Service
Monday, November 6th, 2023 1:00pm

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 W 19th Ave, Gastonia, NC 28052
Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor
Officiating

Order of Service

- Military Honors
- Call to Worship Dr. Benjamin Hinton
- Scripture
- Old Testament Minister Jeffery Littlejohn
- New Testament Calina Hillman
- Prayer of Comfort Dr. Benjamin Hinton
- Instrumental Selection John Henry Littlejohn
- Poems Barbrett Owens
- Moments of Reflection (2 minutes, please)
- Minister Ramona Scott
- Minister Jeffery Littlejohn
- Trenia Armstrong
- Vi Davenport
- Ethan Toro
- Song Executive Pastor Ricky Collins
- Words of Comfort Dr. Benjamin Hinton
- Benediction Dr. Benjamin Hinton

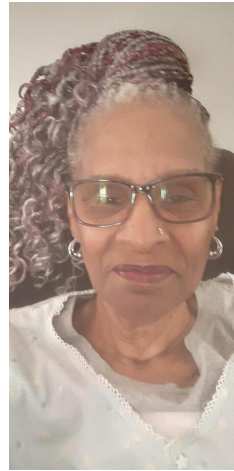


The Chain

We knew little that morning
that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
That day God called you home.
Peaceful memories you left us,
your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you,
you're always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Obituary

Sterlina Vanessa Littlejohn was born to Sterling and Barbara Littlejohn in Jackson, Michigan in 1953 to the late Sterling Littlejohn, Sr. and the late Barbara Mae Brown. Lina, as she was affectionately known, was the first born of eight children.



At age ten, her family moved from Jackson to Lansing, Michigan, where Lina graduated from Eastern High School in 1972. Lina worked for General Motors until she enlisted to serve in the United States Army in 1978. Lina moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1991. She worked at Gaston Memorial Hospital on the psychiatric floor until she retired in 2008. Afterwards, she became the fulltime caretaker for her grandchildren. Lina was, by nature, a bossy and loving nurturer. After all, she was the family “matriarch”. She found helping others to be very rewarding. Listening to music, hanging with her friend group (aka The Old Lady Gang), and adult coloring were her hobbies. Spending time with her family was her favorite pastime.

Lina transitioned from this life to Heaven on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Atrium Health Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, and now she truly is living her best life.

Preceded in death by her parents, Sterling Littlejohn Sr. and Barbara Mae Brown, her brother, Sterling Littlejohn, Jr., and her sister, Jeanette Littlejohn.

She leaves to cherish her treasured memories to her beloved children; Daniel (LaTrese) Littlejohn, LeBarbara (Shaunte) Southern, and Calina (Latwan) Hillman; grandchildren; Jaylen Orr, Taylor Littlejohn, Jashaun Clark, Alysha Littlejohn, Kendall Southern, Jordyn Littlejohn, Aubriann Southern, Alayna Southern, Ashanti and Zion. Siblings; Jeffery (Tammy) Littlejohn, Ramona (John) Scott, Darnell (Nellie) Littlejohn, Barbrett (Alton) Owens, Joann Beam, Butler Brown, Sister in Christ Trenia Armstrong, and a host of other relatives and friends.

