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Acknowledgements

The family extends their thanks and gratitude to all who have shown their love, support, and encouragement during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, words of comfort, acts of compassion and kindness has warmed our hearts. May God continue to bless you all.

The Lewis Family

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A Celebration of Life



Mrs. Joann James
LEWIS

October 31, 1949 — August 09, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

4:30 P.M.

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

ALBANY, GA

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Reflections of Life



Joann James Lewis was born October 31, 1949, in Sasser, Georgia. She was born to the parents of the late Willie Fred James and the late Alberta Floyd James. Joann was the first born of three siblings: Mary and Beverly. After spending part of her childhood in Sasser, Joann and her family migrated to the city of Dawson, Ga. and at an early age she joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Her childhood was always deeply rooted in the church. Joann loved God and was definitely a God-fearing woman! She attended the public schools of Terrell County Georgia. Joann graduated from Terrell County High School in 1967. She was very smart, friendly, and caring. Joann was a people person, and she was loved by many. Upon graduation she worked for a short period of time in the Terrell County School System after the fact she began attending Albany State University working on her education and building her career. Joann would come to meet her late husband James Leo Lewis Jr. in 1968 in Dawson, GA. They joined in Holy matrimony on February 14, 1970. Leo and Joann celebrated 52 years of marriage until he passed away in July 2022. In 1971 Joann and Leo migrated to Albany, Ga. where they both resided until their homegoings. Joann was a lover of life and people. She always did her best to help anyone in any way that she could. She was a social butterfly and Joann wore many hats; She was employed with the Girls Club of Albany, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center where she was the first black woman to lead the workshop for people with disabilities and special needs. Joann worked as a Vocational Rehab Specialist to lead a Pilot program for welfare to work. She then continued her career as a dedicated Social Worker joining Goodwill Southern Rivers Industries where she worked tirelessly assisting many people with developmental disabilities successfully train in their field of Career Development. She had such a positive and powerful impact on the lives of so many people. Joann resided with Goodwill Industries until she retired in 2011. She was dearly loved by so many; she had a heart of gold and Joann wanted to please God. She loved people and always had an impact on the lives of anyone she touched. She was preceded in death by her husband James Lewis, her parents Fred & Alberta James, and her baby sister Beverly James. Joann is survived by three beautiful daughters: Angela Lewis Marshall & Derrick (Albany), Carrie Jamia Lewis & Tim (Albany) Menita Lewis-Taylor & Aaron (Detroit). A sister Mary Catherine Wigfall & William (Atlanta), A brother Ponce Daniels and her in-laws Rev. Robert and Mary Lewis Sr. (Albany), and Gwen Mosely (Caregiver). Joann was the proud grandmother of Malia & Jordan Marshall (Albany); they were her heartbeat. She cherished and loved every moment with them dearly. Joann is also survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends. Joann will be greatly missed. Joann's faith and love for God was so strong she was the rock of our family. She loved and served as a devout Christian and faithful member of Abundant Life Fellowship Center for almost three decades. Joann bravely fought long and hard with many ailments and illnesses, until GOD called her home now, she is FREE! Fret not, she is happy and exactly where God needs her to be.

Order of Service



1949

PROCESSIONAL/LAST GLANCE

Clergy and Family

PRAYER

Rev. Robert Lewis Sr.

SCRIPTURE READING

Old & New Testament

Rev. Letroy Lewis

REFLECTIONS. (TWO MIN., PLEASE)

Limited to 4 People

SELECTION

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WORDS OF COMFORT

Rev. Candice Hunt

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"I'm Free"

Interment

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