



CELEBRATING
THE LEGACY OF

NAOMI OPERA

Rene
BARTLEY LUMPKIN

MARCH 24, 1949-FEBRUARY 6, 2024


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Ten o'clock in the Morning

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

2179 Emerson Street | Jacksonville, FL 32207

Bishop Edward Robinson, Sr., Officiating



NAOMI OPERA
Irene
BARTLEY LUMPKIN

REMEMBERING HER LIFE & LEGACY

Mrs. Naomi Opera Irene Bartley Lumpkin was a native of Jacksonville, Florida. She was born on March 24, 1949 and was the third child of Willie Osborne and Mary Lena Bartley. Mrs. Lumpkin grew up singing in her grandfather's church (The Church of the Living God the Pillar and Ground of the Truth – Arlington) and was a member of the “Sensational Holy Travelers” singing group under the direction of her aunt, Deborah Bartley.

Mrs. Lumpkin grew up in the Arlington area where she attended the local schools and graduated from Douglas Anderson High School (Class of 1966). She began her formal vocal studies at Florida Junior College (Jacksonville, FL), and continued her training at Bethune-Cookman University (Class of 1971 - Daytona Beach, Florida), Aspen School of Music (Aspen, Colorado), and is a former member of the Opera Training Department at The Juilliard School of Music, (New York City, New York.)

Mrs. Lumpkin was most noted for her professional opera singing, but she was also employed as a bank teller during the late seventies, and was a local music teacher at Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary, Rutledge Pearson Elementary, and Alimacani Elementary. She was also employed as an educator for Dade County Public Schools while living in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Lumpkin married the love of her life, the late John Arther Lumpkin, Sr., on May 19, 1973. From this union, two children were born: Ravandala Irene Lumpkin-Johnson, and John Arthur Lumpkin, II. “John and Irene” were married for almost 37 years until his passing on April 16, 2010.

Mrs. Lumpkin was a professional opera singer for many years. Included in her impressive array of awards and honors are: winner of the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions, Sarasota, FL; Artist of the Year, State of Florida; winner, Southeastern Regional Auditions of Teachers of Singers; Ester B. Griswold Award of the Florida Atlantic Music Guild, singer in Menotti's Opera (New York City), winner of the Arturo Toscanini Award for the Civic Opera Auditions, (West Palm Beach, Florida); winner of the Giuseppe Verdi Award (West Palm Beach, Florida), and winner of the Indiana Opera Theater's Southeast Regional Competitions in Naples, Florida.

Mrs. Lumpkin's teachers at Juilliard included Rose Bampton, Martin Smith, William Marshall and Madeline Marshall. Mrs. Lumpkin has also performed on many occasions with the Jacksonville Symphony, the Opera Repertory Company of Jacksonville, and at countless concerts and recitals at local churches and concert halls.

Mrs. Lumpkin was a faithful and dutiful member of Carpenter's House Church of God in Christ where her son-in-law, Superintendent Cedric D. Johnson, Sr., was her pastor. She sang in the local church choir and was also a member of the Florida Central Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Choir.

Mrs. Lumpkin was the pastor's wife at the former Family Life Fellowship Church of Arlington, where her husband, the late John Arther Lumpkin, Sr., was pastor. While there, she was a loving and supportive pastor's wife serving in many capacities and positively impacting everyone with her spirit of love and joy.

In the church realm, she was known as, “Mother Lumpkin” and proudly served as the local, district, and jurisdictional president of the Sunshine Band Childrens' Chorus. Mrs. Lumpkin could always be found giving of her time and resources to provide training, etiquette lessons, and varied musical and educational experiences for the children. In her personal time, Mrs. Lumpkin was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed shopping, singing, and traveling with her family.

She is survived by her Children: Ravandala Irene Lumpkin-Johnson, (Cedric), John Arthur Lumpkin, II (Jessica); Grandchildren: Carrington Johnson-Mercer (Darrius), Janelle Lumpkin, Cedric Johnson, II, Jordyn Lumpkin, and Julia Lumpkin; Sisters: Shirley M. Coleman (Tyrone) and Patsey L. Searcy; Aunt: Sophia Y. Demps; Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Earl Lumpkin (Cora), Betty Jean Perkins (Earnest), Jessie Lumpkin, (Joyce) Melvin Lumpkin, (Rhonda), Verley Lumpkin, and Ray Lumpkin; Special Friends and Loved Ones: Mother Valerie Fordham, Missionary Terrie Powell, Sue Carmichael, Kathy Daniels, and Mother Shirley Johnson; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Elder Ronald Robinson, *Presiding*

Processional/Viewing

Selection..... "Church Medley"

Invocation..... Superintendent Elton Oliver

Scripture(s):

Old Testament.....Superintendent Loverso Walker

New Testament.....Superintendent Charlie Little

SelectionCelebration Choir

CIVIC AND ECUMENICAL TRIBUTES

(As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

As a College Friend.....Pastor Rudolph Porter and the BCU Concert Chorale

As a Friend..... Sue Carmichael

As a Sister-in-Law.....Mrs. Betty Jean Perkins

As a Mother's Board Member.....Mother Shirley Johnson

As a Choir Member.....Missionary Terrie Powell

As a Jurisdictional Leader Supervisor Judy Little

SelectionCelebration Choir

Tributes.....Carrington Dion Johnson – Mercer, *Eldest Grandchild*

John Arthur Lumpkin, II, *Son*

Ravandala Irene Lumpkin-Johnson, *Daughter*

Musical Tribute.....Mr. Andrew Clarke

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Rudene Mercer Haynes

Reading of Obituary*(silently to soft music)*

Selection.....Celebration Choir

Words of Comfort..... Bishop Edward Robinson, Sr.

Prelate, Florida Central Second Jurisdiction

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Park Cemetery
6921 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211

Repast

Impact Church
9501 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32225

Flower Attendants

Women of Purpose
Koinonia District
Family and Friends

Pallbearers

Pastor Fred Bartley	Ervin Bartley
Frank Coleman	Carl Bartley
Corey Bartley	Lonnie Key

Honorary Pallbearers

John Thomas	Waymond Funderburk
Paul Johnson	James Fears
Eric Johnson	Edwin Johnson

Acknowledgements

The family of the Late Naomi Opera Irene Bartley Lumpkin would like to thank you for your kindness, heartfelt expressions of love and your sincere prayers during this most difficult time. Your continued prayers are appreciated. Thank you.

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