



Iola Sykes

October 25, 1942 - July 16, 2023

Iola Sykes (Neal)

Iola blessed with world with her presence on October 25, 1942 with her twin. Iola was affectionately known as Mommie, GeeGee, and Auntie Iola by many. Iola will be remembered for her loving spirit, wit and always having an encouraging word. Iola was born to Hettie and Carey Neal in Sneads, Florida. During her childhood she moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey with her parents and grew up there attending Edison Tech High School. Iola retired Merck & Co., Inc. after being employed for over 30 years. During her tenure at Merck she developed friendships that lasted her lifetime. When Iola retired she returned to Florida to care for her aging parents and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity for many years. She was a dedicated member of New Zion Baptist Church in New Jersey and Greater Buckhorn Missionary Baptist Church in Marianna, Florida. Iola loved her family and friends and was always eager to visit and fellowship with them. After the passing of her parents she returned to New Jersey and then on to Las Vegas, Nevada where she enjoyed the hot weather and found so much joy. Iola was predeceased by her parents Hettie and Carey Neal; twin sister Viola Walker (Thomas); sister Exie; brothers TL Brinson, Jimmie, Ronald, and Edward Neal; LaRonda Chapman, daughter; John G Sykes, son. She leaves to cherish her precious memories two children Noretta Gunn (Howard) and Leon Farlow (Alnisa) both of Sheffield, Alabama. Adopted son Kevin Phillips (Janice) of Texas; Grandchildren: Kyleesha Carter, Nateesha Harper, Quadree Chapman, Tyerrah Harper, Cameron Farlow,

Keishara Sykes, and Miles Farlow. Great grand children Kyeronn, KyJohn, King, Paris, NaKye, JaKyri, August, and Xya; Grant-great granddaughter Kaelani; special cousins, nieces, nephew, great nieces and nephews; Godson Gerard Richardson; and a host of "adopted" children; special life-long friends Sidney Howard, Rebe Stewart, and Phyliss Moon.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will miss you always. Kev*

Kevin Phillips - July 24, 2023 at 12:20 PM

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“ *May you rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

Keena Pompey - July 22, 2023 at 09:42 AM

LB

“ *RIP*

Loretta Baker - July 22, 2023 at 09:04 AM

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“ *I Love You Auntie* ❤️

Aubrey Middlebrooks - July 22, 2023 at 08:57 AM