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Memory



Oretha Warner Morris

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Celebrating THE LIFE & LEGACY

Oretha Cornelia Warner Morris embarked on her final journey just days before her birthday. She departed this life peacefully surrounded by the warmth and love of her family.

Born on October 22, 1939, in Millsburg, Liberia, West Africa, Oretha was raised in a large and close-knit family where love, laughter, and faith were central to daily life. From an early age, she discovered a passion for cooking and baking—a gift that became one of her most cherished ways of expressing love and care.

Determined, courageous, and forward-thinking, Oretha later relocated to the United States to further her education and pursue greater opportunities. Her life was a powerful testament to strength, perseverance, and vision.

For more than 30 years, Oretha served in the Food and Nutrition Department at St. Vincent Hospital in New York City, where she provided comfort and nourishment to countless patients and staff. Her meals were more than sustenance—they were expressions of compassion, generosity, and humanity.

At home, Oretha was the heart of her family. Her kitchen overflowed with the aromas of her cooking, the sound of laughter, and the warmth of her presence. Through every lovingly prepared dish, cake, and traditional meal, she demonstrated her devotion and love.

Her home at 297 Lenox Road in Brooklyn, New York, became a true haven—a welcoming place for family and friends. For many newly arriving relatives, it served as a foundation for new beginnings. Through her hospitality and generosity, Oretha provided others with both comfort and opportunity.

A fiercely devoted and protective mother and grandmother, Oretha would move heaven and earth for her family. Her love was unwavering, her presence grounding, and her wisdom a guiding light.

She is survived by her devoted children, Michelle Titus Anderson (Lawrence) and Fred Raynes; and her beloved grandchildren, Lawrence Anderson Jr., Avery Anderson, Ashley Anderson, Nadia Shittu (Habeeb), Violet Raynes, Ammah Raynes, and Alex Raynes, all of whom brought her immeasurable pride and joy.

Oretha was preceded in death by her parents, Lt. General Daniel B Warner Sr. and Julia A. Daniels Warner, and her siblings: Beatrice Warner, Marie D. Conduah, Mildred Warner, Rep. Benjamin G. Warner, Adolphus Warner, Velma Warner, Rocky T. Warner, David Norris, William E. Warner, Edith Warner, Rushe Warner, Naomi C. Hoff, Mitchell Warner, Julia Warner Francis, James Warner and Alfred Warner.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her siblings: Idell Warner Tolbert , Harry T. Warner (Elise), Nora Warner, Daniel B. Warner, Jr. (Miatta), Milton Warner (Comfort), David Warner, Juanita Diggs, Ishmael Warner, Susannah Beman (Mollie), Isaac Warner, Louise Warner, Jemima Warner, Jefferson Warner and Linda Warner Trevor. As well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Oretha's legacy is one of love, faith, hospitality, and strength—a life well lived and filled with purpose. Her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched, in the meals we share, and in the memories we hold dear.

Though her earthly journey has ended, her light continues to shine through the love she gave, the lessons she taught, and the lives she touched.

Always remembered, forever missed

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL
WORDS OF WELCOME
OPENING PRAYER
Pastor H Lafayette Willis - UCAC SJ
HYMN
'What a Friend We Have In Jesus'
1st SCRIPTURE LESSON - *Psalm 121:1-8*
Cornelia Hoff
SOLO
Golda Hoff
2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON - *Corinthians 15:42-58*
Faith Kollie
REFLECTION FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS
United Christian Assembly Church
Daniels Family
Anderson / Cheeks Family
Grandchildren
Warner Family
READING OF THE LIFE SKETCH
Antoinette Tolbert Richardson
SELECTION BY CHOIR
EULOGY
Bishop Emerson Deline
United Christian Assembly Church
PRAYER OF COMFORT
Pastor Cudjoe Conduah Jr.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Winfred Clark
CLOSING HYMN
'It Is Well With My Soul'
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL

United Christian Assembly Church
232 E. Front St
Florence, NJ 08518
Pastor H Lafayette Willis









A LIFE WELL LIVED




































Tributes & Memories



To My Beautiful Mother In Heaven

Thank you for your endless love and for always being there when I needed you.
I miss you every single day—more than words could ever express.
You made wherever we were a home… from 1601 Bedford Ave to 297 Lenox Rd.
You filled those homes with love, laughter, and family.
You taught me that family is everything, no matter what.
You taught me that faith would hold me when everything else failed—and it did. I leaned on that faith, Mama… and I'll continue to do so.
In this last year, you showed me what true bravery looks like.
I watched you face everything with grace and strength, and I knew what courage truly meant. I promised you I would be strong—and with God's help, and you as my angel, I know I will be. I told you that you could let go and rest. That we would be ok, Your birthday came just two weeks after you left us. It was a day we should have been celebrating together, but instead, I found myself looking to the sky, wishing I could hear your voice just once more. But I know one day, I will. Until then, tell everyone hello for me.
Tell them that we miss them.… and tell them to take care of you.
I love you, Mama. Always have. Always will

Michelle (Mickey) Titus Anderson

To My Dear Aunty Ori



As a young adult when I couldn't locate my parents after the terrible event of 1980.. you took it upon yourself to locate me in Europe and financed my way to be with you in the states. I will forever be grateful to you ...we shared a special bond that will never be replaced
Your kindness and love will forever be missed
To lose you brings much sadness but as a believer I know you are in a better place
Ori - O Rock ... take your eternal rest and rock on with the angels in heaven till we meet again

Antoinette Tolbert Richardson

To My Grandma In Heaven

From as early as I can remember, you were always there. It's hard to imagine life without you, but I am so deeply grateful for the time we shared. You brought so much joy into our lives with your beautiful contagious smile, and your presence filled every room with warmth and love.
You endured so much over the past few years, yet you faced every challenge with strength. I have always admired your courage, and I can only hope to have even half of the strength you showed throughout your life. I loved watching you cook, and I know my passion for cooking comes from you.
I will miss cooking for you...even if you didn't always like everything I made.
Though you are no longer here with us physically, I know you are in heaven, watching over us. You touched my life in more ways than you could ever know, and your love & influence will stay with me forever. Your strength, kindness, and smile will live on in my heart always.



Ashley Simone Anderson

A Farewell Letter to Mama Oretha



In our Liberian way, I say it with all my heart: Thank you plenty oooo, Mama Oretha.

I struggle to find words that can carry the weight of fifty years of love, sacrifice, and motherhood. To truly tell the story of what you meant to me would take days maybe weeks. But today, I write with a heavy heart, not to recount every chapter, but to honor the beginning and the end.

I was just four years old when my father placed me in your care. I didn't understand what was happening, but I felt the ache of separation. I cried. And in that moment of confusion and fear, you knelt, looked me in the eyes, and said, "Don't cry." You made me a promise: you would buy me a pair of tennis shoes and take me to school. And then you said the words that changed my life forever "I am your mother now."

From that moment, you were my mother. The only mother I ever truly knew. You protected me. You nurtured me. You gave me love without condition. And I, in my youth, didn't always recognize the blessing that you were. It wasn't until you left for the United States that I began to grasp the depth of your sacrifice and the fullness of your love.

There's a saying: A woman doesn't have to birth a child to be his mother. You proved that truth every single day. You built a family not with blood, but with grace. You showed up. You stayed. You gave. And in doing so, you taught me what unconditional love truly feels like.

Now, I bid you farewell not goodbye. Because I believe we will meet again. And when we do, I want to meet you as that four-year-old boy once more. I want to hear you say those same words again: "I am your mother now." I want to feel the comfort of your promise, the warmth of your embrace, and the hope you planted in my heart.

I pray to God for the total transformation of your soul into the highest heaven. May your spirit be wrapped in gladness, may your heart rest in peace, and may your memory live on in every act of love I carry forward. You were my mother. You are my mother. And I will love you forever.

Fred Ammah Raynes Sr.



Pallbearers

Avery Anderson
Lawrence Anderson Jr.
Riz Brown
Eric Hoff
Henry Thomas Hoff III
Fred Raynes
Ammah Raynes
Stephen Tolbert



Acknowledgement

The family of the late Oretha Warner Morris would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your prayers, words of comfort, acts of love, and support during our time of sorrow.

We are truly grateful for the strength we have drawn from your kindness, and we thank God for surrounding us with such a caring community. Your presence, calls, cards, food and expressions of sympathy have been a great blessing to us. Thank you for all that you did…we felt your love.

Though our hearts are heavy, we find peace in knowing that Oretha is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless each of you for your compassion and continued prayers.

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Interment

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Rt - 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Repast

Crescent Shriners Hall
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Westampton, NJ 08060

Arrangements Entrusted To

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Hamilton Township, NJ 08609

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