



Dorothy June Ward

September 20, 2009

Mrs. Dorothy June Cain Ward, age 79 of Smyrna, passed away September 20, 2009. Mrs. Dorothy June Cain Ward, age 79 of Smyrna, passed away September 20, 2009. She retired as accounts payable supervisor for Georgia Department of Human Recourses. Mrs. Ward was a life member of Acworth-Kennesaw Ladies Auxiliary VFW and an active member of East-West Church. She is survived by her children, Linda York of Dallas, Glenda Darnall of Salem, OR, Sandy LaMarsh of Kennesaw, Kathy Edwards of Dacula, Wanda Holcomb of Decatur, LaQuita Hayes of Douglasville, and Bob Ward of Atlanta; brother, Joe Cain of Fortson, sister, Hazel Turner of Birmingham, AL; 6 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Davis-Struempf Chapel with Bishop Alan Mushegan. officiating. Interment will follow at Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Monday from 4 to 6 PM and on Tuesday from 4 to 8 PM at the Funeral Home.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM
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1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM
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SEP **Service** 11:00AM
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Comments



“ Good Morning Mom, I'm sorry it's been so long since I have email you. It seems like the weeks fly by, and everything is so busy down here. But I know you are enjoying your new home, face to face with your Savior. Mom still pray for the family, we all need it!! I'm sitting here typing, with tears flowing down, I still miss you Mom. You will never be forgotten!! Love you so much!!

Your # 1 daughter-Linda - March 11, 2011 at 09:32 AM



“ Happy Valentines Day Momma! I Love You So Much! I Miss You So Much!!!!!! Oh Momma the snow was so beautiful that we had. Jerry took some pictures of the house and it is beautiful! I'll through one up through the clouds, I'll let you know when so you can catch it. We went to Sis house on Friday it was beautiful their as well. Linda was on pins and needle's until I got home, I told her I wasn't going any where. I new if anything happens to me she would be lost. And I would be lost if any thing happened to her too! She is more of a friend to me then a sister, we have that special bond her and I. Well Mom, I got to go I need to finish my taxes they are driving me crazy. Oh by the way thanks for reminding me about me adding my payroll to my itemized transaction statement. I probably would have remembered at the last minuet. So Momma any time you want to you can visit me in my dreams or just visit me anytime . Just let me know it's you o.k. I Love You Momma, talk to you later,

Baby Daughter-Laquita - February 14, 2010 at 09:50 AM



“ Good Morning Mom, I know you are looking down on us today and seeing all that snow we got yesterday. Jerry had my computer working on it, so him and Laquita brought it back yesterday. It was about 6:30 when they left and I was really concern hoping that they would have a safe trip home. They did! Allen said we got 3-1/2" snow. It is really pretty. I took a lot of pictures. Martha called me last night and she said they really got a lot also. Mom the other day I went for a Mammogram, and the lady said that she had seen me from somewhere. We keep talking and then she ask if had brothers and sister, then she put it together. She went to your church - Mary Cole. Oh, she just lifted you up Mom. Everybody, she said loved Miss Dorothy. I hope that when the time comes that somebody could say that about me. Mom I still miss you so much. Keep those angels straight up there. Oh, and Happy Valentine's Day Mom. This year was the first year I wasn't able to send you a care. But I'm sending it airmail through the clouds, so keep an eye out for it. Love you Mom so very very very much!! Your #1 Daughter

Daughter Linda Ward York - February 13, 2010 at 09:08 AM



“ Hey Momma,
Just wanted to say: I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
and I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH! I
LOVE YOU MOMMA! LOVE ALWAYS YOUR BABY DAUGHTER LAQUITA.

Baby Daughter-Laquita - January 28, 2010 at 06:21 PM



“ Hi Mom, There's not much news here. However, I did speak with Wessie, yesterday. Sandra gave me her email address and phone number. Wessie didn't know that you had gone home to be with the Lord. With everything going on we just did not think about them. It is so hard to try to remember everybody. She, like many others, put you up own a pedestal, such high esteem! You were loved by some many people. Several weeks ago, Sandy, Kathy, Wanda, Laquita and myself meet at your house, and as Laquita was driving in Pat notice your green cadillac, and followed it. Even your car Mom, will always catch people's eyes. Well Mom, you got your eternal inheritance. I know you have so many crowns. I know when you was face to face with Jesus, HE said well done my child. You continue to keep them angels straight up there Mom. I love you so very very much and miss you so. Love your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda Ward York - January 25, 2010 at 07:39 PM



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Hi Momma,

Just wanted you to know that I love you so very much! I could never explain how much I miss you!!!! More words then any one in the whole world to say! I hoped that we could keep this family together but I truly don't know if we will be able to. I only have heard from brother once since you've been gone! However, Sandy, Linda, Kathy, Wanda and myself have met a couple of times. Linda and I of course has met on many occasions. That you know you'll never have to be concerned about. Linda and I will always stay close to one another, you can count on that! Well Momma I just wanted to talk a bit, I love you more then words could ever say!
Your Loving Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - January 25, 2010 at 02:45 PM



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Hey Mom. I still miss you so very very much. Not much news here, however, today was a very nice, almost spring weather. Allen and I went up to Allatoona Lake and walked around. I love this kinda weather!, getting outside. Well, this month is half gone, it is flying by. Well Mom, you keep those angels straight up there. Love you so very very much. #1 Daughter

Daughter-Linda Ward York - January 18, 2010 at 08:38 PM



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Hi Momma,

Well as you see we made it back from Texas!

We had a nice time, but I'm glad that we are home. I still miss you so much Momma but I'm glad that you are their with the Lord and you are no longer suffering. Are you keeping those Angels in line up their? I'm sure that you are! Before Jerry and I headed out too Texas Linda took your anointing oil and anointed your car from one end to the other.

And of course, we had no problems what so ever! THANK GOD!!!! Yes praise God his holy name! I love you so much Momma and I will stay in touch with you weather it be through this web site, trough prayer are just speaking to you from my heart. You will always be the BEST MOTHER IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

With all my love, hugs and kisses!

Your Baby Daughter; LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - January 14, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ Good morning Mom. today is the day the Lord has made, and we will rejoice! I'm glad today is my off day. We had some snow and ice this morning. It was so pretty this morning when I looked out. This is to all my family members. The riches answer are not the speediest...A prayer may be all the longer on its voyage because it is bringing us a heavier freight of blessings. Delayed answers are not on trails of faith, but they give us an opportunity of honoring God by our steadfast confidence in HIM under apparent repulses. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16) Sorrow looks back, worry looks around and FAITH looks up!
2010 is going to be a better year - BETTER DAYS ARE HERE!
I love you Mom and miss you so very very much! Your #1 daughter

Daughter-Linda Ward York - January 08, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ ...So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36
You never lost your confidence, Dorothy. I hope to see you again when my time arrives. 2010 perhaps man will get it right this year. That is my confidence and my wish from God. Rest well my best of friends and family. Tim

Tim - January 04, 2010 at 12:40 PM



“ Good morning Mom, well it's 2010, another year gone by. I went to my church New Year eve. We had watch service, which started at 11:15 and we prayer till about 12:20 then went into the fellowship hall and had breakfast. What a way to start the new year off! I still miss you so much Mom. I love you so very very much. Your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda Ward York - January 02, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ Good morning Mom. well it is like Tim said - Do not let your hearts be trouble, 'cause I know you are in your FATHER'S HOUSE! Yesterday we had Christmas at my house. Belinda, Lamar, Justin and his girlfriend came over for dinner. It was sad that Tonya wasn't here. And it was really sad that this was the first Christmas you was't here with us! I know that this being your first Christmas with Jesus was the biggest gift that you ever had! I heard several people say that they missed you peanut brittle. I hope that you was able to show them angles how to make you famouse peanut brittle. I miss you so much Mom. Everything that I did this holiday, I thought of you. I know this was your favorite holiday. I know how you loved to cook and make goodies, and how you love to give gifts to everyone. I was telling someone the other day that I don't know how you did it, but you did! Keep those angels straight up there Mom. I love you so very very much and miss you so!!!!!! Love your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda Ward York - December 26, 2009 at 10:01 AM



“ Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14.1-6
Merry Christmas, beloved, Tim

Tim - December 20, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ Merry Christmas to my wonderful Aunt. I miss you so much. I pray for your children I know how hard it must be. We all know where you are but we're all a little selfish and wish you were here with us. Tell Jesues Happy Birthday for me.
I love you and miss you so much, your loving niece Dottie

Dottie - December 20, 2009 at 09:17 AM



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My Dear Momma,

I won't be here for Christmas but I won't you to know that you will be with me in Heart, Mind and Soul! Momma Linda came by yesterday she said I wish Momma could have seen your house she would love the way you decorated it. I told Linda that I had said to Jerry that Momma would have been proud of us! Linda relied oh yes she would! We still are not completely done yet, but the downstairs is pretty much finished. I want you to know that every thing you have given me is a reflection of your precious and gracious generosity and enhances the beauty of this home! Oh Momma I almost forgot, I want you to know that the stain glass you had on each side of your front door is now on each side of my front door. It is so beautiful Momma and every morning when I come down stairs I place my hands on the stain glass and tell you I love you. Sandy thought us children should have that stain glass so Jerry removed it! I've always know that when it came time for you to depart from us it would be difficult but I would have never imagine in a million years it would be this difficult! Momma you would be proud of Sandy she has taken hold of the reigns and truly I don't see have she keeps up but she does.

You would also be proud of her in most of her decision making on the house, there might be a few things you would disagree on but not anything major. Momma watch over Kathy she is having quite a few medical issues. Also, watch over my sis (Linda) while I'm gone to Texas and also watch over me and Jerry as we travel on that long journey. Well Momma I need to go I have got to start packing for the trip we will be leaving bright and early in the morning. With All Of My Love; Your Baby Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - December 20, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ Hey Mom, We didn't go to the candle light service at Crest Lawn. It was raining and cold. We didn't think that the candles would stay lit. But the next day Allen and myself went and put Christmas flowers own yours and Daddy's grave, and Allen put some on his Mother and Grandmorhter's, and we also put some on Loua Mae and Sammy. We were going to canton to put some christmas flowers on Papa's and Granny's, but we haven't got up there yet. Mom, I have been making candies and fruit cakes. I even made something different this year, and it was really good. It was cranberry and almond cookies. I also made something different today, that I haven't made before, buttersotch squares, and it was really good. I'm having a had time in keeping Allen out of all of it. In fact, I have to hide everything, or I want have anything left. I made 16 goodie bags to take to the Nursing home Wednesday night. Boy, I wished you could have seen them, they dove into those bags. I hope they didn't get sick eating all those rich sweets. I can't help to think of you Mom, when I'm making a batch of candy, or cakes, because I know how you loved Christmas. Brenda and I was talking about that a couple of days ago, in what all you fixed last Christmas. You really went all out Mom. I miss you so much!!! Life is not the same with you gone. There is no body like Mom, especailly when you have a Mom that was wonderful as you! Continue to remember all of us in your prayers. And you keep all them angels straight up there. I know you are showing them how to make your famous peanut brittle. Again Mom, I miss you so very very much. Love you your #1 daughter

Daughter-Linda Ward York - December 19, 2009 at 05:58 PM



“ Momma,
I am still struggling with out you in my life, not that I'm not glad that you are in no more pain but I miss you something terrible. Keep watching over us momma and tell Jesus I said I love him. Keep all the angels straight up there and keep all of us children close to you!
I love and miss you so much momma and the holidays are not the same with out you. But of course as you know we have to manage with out you! Hugs and Kisses my sweet momma until we talk again.Love Your Baby Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - December 14, 2009 at 06:05 PM



“ Hey Mom, I miss you still!!!! I know it's Heaven's gain, and know that you are in the Master's arms now and singing in His choir. And most of all you can see your Savior face to face. I would not deprive you of all that, but I sure wished you were here!! Crest Lawn is holding a candle light service Saturday night. You can visit me and Allen that night, if you would like to Mom. I sure would love to see you. Diane Ward is going to be there, you know that Ronnie, Timmy and Diane's mother is there. I thought I would get a candle for Sammy, since it is so hard for Aquilla to come all the way from Florida. I spoke with Darlene this afternoon. Debbie went to Emory, and the doctor out there said she could walk, but it would be up to her. And that it would be a long and painful road. Mom I know that you are going straight to the Throne room with these prayers. I spoke with Aunt Martha also this after noon, they are doing well. Well, keep those angels straight up there Mom. And like I said, you can come to visit me Saturday night. And Laquita and Jery I think will be there also. I love you so very very much. Your #1 Daughter

Daughter - Linda Ward York - December 10, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ My dearest Nanny,
I miss you terribly and I wish you were hear so I could hug you. I must say that time has not healed my wounds and the only thing it has done is make realize how important your were in my life. The loss of a loved one is hard but the loss of tradition on top of that is heartbreaking. Thanksgiving use to be my favorite holiday but it wasn't this year. I don't know that holidays will ever be the same without you around. Why does it have to be like this????!!!! You leaving has taken the glue that held everything together. Christmas is right around the corner and it is one that has tons of memories and traditions that have been in our lives for many years. I pray that God heals our family so that the memories and traditions you worked so very hard on will stay alive even in your passing. One other thing before I go. I just thought if maybe you weren't to busy being in awe of God you visit me in my dreams. I sure would love to see you. I love so much and I think of you always!!!! Love, Fonda

Fonda - December 04, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ Good morning Mom, it's going on 11 weeks now that you went home to be with Jesus. I mention to you in my last email that Laquita and I were going to Lilburn Nursing home to see Debbie. My heart just goes out to her. She is the one that has been like a mother to her siblings, and now that she is not mobile, and helpless, I guess you would say, I think they are all lost, like we are without you Mom. I annoyed Debbie with oil (it was your oil Mom, see you are still working, thru me) and we prayed for her. We wheeled her out side, and it seemed to help her. We tried to give her encouraging words. We told her that even the doctor told her she would probably would never walk again, that with her help and Jesus she could! I know it's going to be a long struggle for her, but she is a stronge will person, so I know she can do it. They were giving her therapy at first, but then they came back and said she would never walk again so they stopped the therapy. I don't understand that. I know she had mentioned that her insurance had exaulted, or about to exault. When I talked to her Sunday night she said that her daughter Tonya had got a letter saying that they would revaulted her on Dec. the 10th. I hope with the visit that we were able to encourage her. I'm going to try to send her a card everyweek, and I think Aunt Martha and Uncle Joe is as well, even Laquita mention she would try to send her cards. There again I wished I had a maggic wand to make her walk again. But I know Mom, that you took those prayers straight to the Throne Room for us. Well, you keep those angels straight up there. And Mom, I still miss you so very very much! Love ya #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda Ward York - December 04, 2009 at 07:42 AM



“ Hey Momma,
I just wanted to tell you that I love you so very much and miss you more then I could ever say. Momma you would be proud of how every thing has turned out so far. Jerry and I haven't finished the upstairs yet, hopefully I will have everything completed being the new year. Keep those Angels straight up there and keep watching after all of us down here. With all my love your baby daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquitajj - December 03, 2009 at 10:34 AM



“ Momma,

Thanksgiving dinner was nice, we had lots of food and Linda gave by also. I made pecan pie's with your pecans and they were pretty good. Momma I used your turkey pan to bake the turkey, I had to have a little bit of you in my thanksgiving, it was nice but I still have that void in my life. Momma will it ever go away, will I ever be able to go on without you?

Please Momma promise me that you will always stay close to my heart and you will always have your arms around me o.k.!

Without your spirit alive within me I believe that I would be hopeless. So, Momma stay with me always and never let go because you will always live on in my memories and will be carried on through my children and through their children. As Sis said Momma keep the Angels straight up their and have them help watch over each and every one of us! With all my Love your Baby Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 27, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ Good morning Mom, it's going on 10 weeks now that you went home to be with Jesus. Yesterday was Thanksgiving, Allen and I went to Belinda's. Mom it wasn't the same this year. It was actually sad. As I was making-up the dressing, I thought I you. I made it just like you taught me, and everbody loved it. It sure was different this year, becuase you always had a crowd of people at your house. I think most of us was lost this year, 'cause we've always went to your house. After I left Belinda's I went by and saw Hazel Whitehead. She is still not doing all that good. I wished I had a magic wand to make everybody well! Afterwards I went by Laquita's house. She has it fix us so nice (and of coarse with Jerry's help). Laquita and myself will be going to see Debbie tomorrow at the Lilburn Nursing Home. There again I wished I had a magic wand to make her well. I love you Mom and misss you so very very much. I'll be writing you again soon, until then you keep all them angels straight in heaven., you hear me! Love your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - November 27, 2009 at 05:51 AM



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Hi Momma,

Just wanted to write you a few lines to let you know that I love you! I miss you so much Momma that it actually hurts, It has been a struggle to go on without you but I know I have too. We are going to have Thanksgiving dinner at our new house and Linda said after she goes to Belinda's she would come by hear.

Momma give all of us the strength to endure these holidays without you and give us the knowledge to prepare a wonderful dinner as you did and to give thanks for all that each of us have. Momma

even thou in body you want be their I know that in spirit you wouldn't miss

Thanksgiving with each and everyone of us Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children. Momma I hope it's OK and

I'm sure it will be I ask Linda If I could have a bag of your pecans so I could make a pecan pie for Thanksgiving wish me lots of luck. I Love You Momma, take care and bless us all.

Your Baby Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 22, 2009 at 12:59 PM



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Good morning Mom, it's going on 9 weeks now that you had went home to be with the Lord. I still miss you Mom. We had our Thanksgiving luncheon yesterday at work. I volunteer to make the dressing for 50 people. Boy what was I thinking! Thursday night when I was preparing, I was thinking, I sure wish I could have called you and ask you something about the dressing. But, everybody was really bragging about it, and I would tell them that it was my Mom's recipe. The only thing different that I did was put a few raw eggs in it. But I would have to say, it was pretty good! Mom I really miss you so. This world is not the same without you! You are missed so much from so many people. I love you Mom, so very very much! your #1 daughter Linda

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - November 21, 2009 at 06:47 AM



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I would Just like to say, how wonderful and loving person Mss Dorthy Ward was. She loved her family and her many friends that she had. I will miss her . I am a long time family friend. Terry Lovins

Terry Lovins - November 16, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Momma,
I'm sorry that I haven't contacted you in a while, I finally got my refrigerator and dishwasher. But I still am waiting on the final disbursement to get the rest of my appliances
and to payoff the contractors. Momma I miss you so much and still have the void in my life.
And as Linda said I know that it's selfish for me to feel that way but I will always miss you momma. Momma you were so gracious in every thing you did, you were a Mother, a Mother-in-Law, a Grandmother, a Great Grand Mother you were a Sister, a Sister-In-Law,
and a Aunt and a Great fiend to all the people you new, AND WONDERFUL IN ALL THE THINGS LISTED ABOVE!!!! Your Legacy will live on through each and every person whose life you touched! You indeed where the greatest Mother and in all the things listed above. Momma you were a GREAT POWERHOUSE of Love, giving, listening, caring and compassion. You will always live full and strong in my heart and in every breath I take. I LOVE YOU MOMMA, I LOVE YOU MOMMA!! Your Baby Daughter FOREVER LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 16, 2009 at 09:25 AM



“ Hi Mom, today has been 8 weeks since you went home to be with the Lord. Kathy, Laquita and myself met at your house yesterday, we had a good time, but it was sad too, with you not being there. Kathy made your famous peanut brittle, I thought it was very good, but Kathy didn't seem to think so. We cleaned the garage out. The house just didn't seem the same anymore, especially the way the furniture is moved around. Mom, the grieving hasn't got any better. I miss you so much!! I think of you all the time, even taking a shower, it makes me think how I helped you bathed. When I cook, often think of how you cooked certain things. When I read it makes me think of you, how you read your daily bible everyday. When I'm riding down the road, knowing how you use to love to ride places. I know that you are not suffering anymore, but I guess I'm selfish, wishing you were still here. with us. Oh, how I miss you Mom. You will always be in my thoughts and hold a special place in my heart. You were the best Mother!!! I love you so very very much!! your #1 daughter Linda

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - November 15, 2009 at 06:23 PM



“ Momma,

I just want you to know that I love you very much and miss you so deeply! The house is coming along slowly but coming along. Tricia came over on Saturday and help me do some furniture staining. Actually it turned out pretty good I just know that you would be very proud of me for what I've accomplished. Momma I can't wait until I get done with this house I can picture the results in my mind and I'm so excited. I just know one thing that if it hadn't been for you pushing me along to get this house my dreams wouldn't come true. So, because of you I have a beautiful home and it will always be filled with precious memories of my gracious MOTHER. Momma thank you for all that you have done for me! You said to me not long before you departed that you could never repay Jerry and I for what we done for you. Well Momma I fill the same way about you, we made a team didn't we momma. I still remember the day after I came over to the new house that you called Jerry and told him you hadn't had any television for two days. Jerry said to you: Dorothy that's not acceptable, give me about 30 minuets and i will be there to take care of it. No Jerry didn't get the cable fixed that day but he showed you how to pick up your recorded shows. I'm sorry Momma I wish I had continued to stay with you, I know that you really didn't want me to leave. You said to me a few days before your departure that the only reason you wanted me to leave was because I needed to get this house in shape so we could move in it. I love you Momma and Miss you every minuet of the day and every day of the week and every week of the month and every month of the year, I miss and love you forever and ever!
Love your baby Daughter LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 09, 2009 at 10:33 AM



“ Good morning Mom, it is going on seven weeks now that you have went home to be with the Lord. The grieving is not getting any better - Oh how I miss you!! I went by your house Wednesday night to water the flowers on the front porch and plants inside and checked the mailbox. I checked the messages on the phone and there was one from your dentist office saying she hadn't heard from you in awhile and was thinking about you. I called her and told he that you had gone home to be with the Lord. She said please tell me it is not so. She praised you so, and they love your peanut brittle. Mom it is like Tonya has said you left a "water mark." You touch so many lives. I spoke with Darlene a few days ago, and she siad that the doctors has confirmed that Debbie will be paralyzed on her right side. But I told Darlene that we have a higher physician that is still in the miracle business. I sent Debbie a prayer clothe that was annointed with your annointing oil. Also I sent Darlene one. Darlene has to go back for some more test, she's hoping the cancer has not come back. But I told her we are coing against that!

Donena had foot surgery. Laquita and I went to see Hazel Whitehead a few weeks back, and we prayed for her and annointed her with your oil. I called her a few days later and she said she had went to Dean's and cleaned his house for 7 hours. She said she thanked me, I told her, no not me, but Jesus himself. She said she thought she was back to her old self now. I spoke with Diane Ward yesterday. She is really having a time with Ricky, so I sent her an annointing clothe so she could put it under his mattress. While you up in heaven Mom, I now you are taking these prayer request straight to the Throne Room! Mom, even though you are not her on earth, you are still working, with your annointing oil. I had been trying to find Gabe, finally got in touch with him. Belinda and I invited him and his family over for dinner Sunday.We had such a good family day. Only if Ton Ton, KK, and Jon were there then it would have been complete. Gabe has a girl Gabbie, which is 11 yrs old, Clay 9 and Wyatt is 5 yrs old. There were so precious. Gabe said the last time he spoke with Lester, which was 5 yrs ago, that he asked him about doing a DNA, and Lester just changed the subjuct. He ask Belinda if she would be willing to a 1/2 sibling-DNA, and she said she would. Gabe needs to know, and we do. Well, Mom, Thanksgiving is coming up and it will not be the same. I'll always remember how you loved the Holdiays, love to cook and love to give. I think I take after you in that respect. I love to cook, and love to eat it and love to give you I have it. Well, Mom, I got to go now and start getting ready for church. I know you are having church up there, singing with a joyful heart! I love you Mom so very very very much!!! Your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - November 08, 2009 at 07:07 AM



“ Good morning Mom. I love you

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - November 08, 2009 at 06:25 AM



“ Momma,
DID I TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU?

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 06, 2009 at 04:47 PM



“ Momma,
JUST WANTED TO SAY : I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!
AND I MISS YOU DEARLY!!!!!!!

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 06, 2009 at 01:14 PM



“ Linda York,

I just want to extend my condolences again to you and your family. I know this was a great loss to you and your family. I just recently lost my mother. It will be a year in January 2010 and I still feel the pain. My prayers are with you and your family and friends.

I know God will continue to bless you and your family. Keep praying and also keep the FAITH. That's how you have always encouraged me since I have known you for over 5 years. You are a sweetheart.

Love Your Sister in Christ.

Brenda Brown

Brenda Brown - November 04, 2009 at 11:12 AM



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Momma,

I love you more ways than I could ever say!

As each day I approach life I have a void in my life and that's not having you in life form.

However, I fill your presence in my heart, mind and soul. Its still hard to except the fact that you are no longer here on this earth and I still am struggling with out you here in this life. I think Momma when you left a piece of me left with you., will I ever get over this? I think not but I know that one day we will be able to embrace and hold one another again. Momma, help me gain the patients and love that you had in your heart for all your loved ones and friends. Help me be a kind and gentle soul as you were and give me the courage to except the things that I can not change. Don't ever forget Momma that Jerry and I

love you so dearly, Now and Always. The first time that I ever seen Jerry cry was the day that we put you to rest! Jerry loves you as much as he loves his own Mother.

I don't think I had to tell you that I think you knew already because he always showed you that he did. Momma, I have to go now Just know that a piece of me is with you always!!!! Your Baby Daughter;

LaQuita

Baby Daughter-Laquita - November 03, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Hey Mom, it's been five weeks since you went home to be with the Lord. Writing you letters some how helps to deal with the intense grief with which we deal on a daily basis, and still keeps me close to you. I try my best to keep you alive. Your memory at least! Yesterday, I went by your house to water the flowers on the front porch and the plants inside. I notice in the hall that there was a picture of you standing against the wall. I notice how peacefull you looked in that picture. You always had that peace in your eyes. You was a remarkable woman who inspired many and was a delight to talk with. Your kindness spread all around. Knowing that you were the kindest, most thoughtful person, gives me strength to move on. Your family was so important to you. Mom, we had talked about having Thanksgiving and Christmas at your house and putting up the christmas tree, I know you would like that! I know you are looking down on all your children Mom and intercede on our behalf. Intercession comes from the combination of two latin words - inter, as in "between, and cedere, as in "to go or pass". So you can go or pass through your love ones, and our lives. When you left Mom, you took my friend and my counselor. I miss not having those talks like we once did. The other day going to work, the radio station played - If I could only hear my Mother pray again, how it sadden me, and I tear-up. I often think back the very day you went home, in fact a few hours, how you were praying, and thanking God for HIS mercy. One day Mom, we shall embrace again - one day on the other side. Until then, I think of you often and send my love as I visit you. I shall continue to write letter to remaind you of my love and hope you read it often. My thought of you are many and my love for you is deep. I hope eveyone in the world can say that about their Mom. Oh, I forgot to tell you that Laquita, Kathy and myself went to the cemetaryand put some fall flowers in the two vases on the side of the monument and I fix a beautiful flower arrangement that clasp over the monument. Knowing how you loved flowers Mom, I know you were please with them. I promise I will always keep nice flowers for every occasion for you. Allen always goes to the cemetary (you know his mother and grandmother is right down from you) to take flowers for every occasion for his mother and grandmothers, and I will also. Mom, as I am sending you this letter, tears are rolling down my face with wo much grief It is still hard Mom. I will always, always love you dearly. Come and visit me sometimes Mom. Love your #1 daughter

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - October 31, 2009 at 08:50 AM



“ Hi Momma,

It's me I just wanted you to know how much that I love you. You use to say to me guess what? And I would say you know that I love you! And you would say! Not as much as I love you. Then I would expand my arms out as far as I could almost putting them behind my back and say this much? And you would say more than that, more than the whole wide world! We would embrace each other and squeeze each other for minutes. We were a pair wasn't momma! You would say to me: We help each other don't we hon, and I would reply that's the way it should be momma. Remember when I lived with you and you said to me; Honey if you will clean all that ivy off that side lot next to the house you can put you a garden their. So, I did and every day you would come out to see how much I had done. You would bring me a pitcher of water and say honey sit down and take a break and rest a bit. And every day you would say to me:Honey you're doing a great job it really looks good. I remember the day when I brought my big bird bath over. You fell in-love with it and ask where I was going to put it and I exclaimed; where ever you want it. We put it in the lower garden and the glow on your face was simply price less! So price less that when I moved out I had to leave it there, because I knew how much you loved it. Momma thank you for being YOU! And momma help all of us children come to terms with each other, and ask God to give each of us the endurance to ability to get through this hard time. And most of all Momma ask God to give each and every one of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren patients, understanding and love with one another. Thanks Momma as always I love you so, so dearly. With All My Love; your baby daughter.

Baby Daughter-Laquita - October 29, 2009 at 09:46 AM



“ Hey Nanny, I love you and miss you so much!!!!!! I wish you were here. I went by your house yesterday and I just looked at it. Matt and I wanted to by your house but it doesn't look like that is going to work out. So I decided to put it in God's hands as hard as that is sometimes. Your house is so beautiful and is full of your memories. I just wanted to keep it in the family and have a piece of your here on the earth. You know Matt and I have been wanting to get out of our neighborhood for a very long time and it would have been close enough for us to still be close to all our family. I am not sure the schools are better but it was something we were wanting to do. you and your house will always be in my memories and I can keep those forever. Please know my heart and always remember how honored we would have been. God has a plan for everything and I know he's watching after us. I love you and wish you were here with us but I'm sure glad your there dancing with Jesus. Lots of kisses an hugs sent on the wings of angels. Fonda

Fonda - October 26, 2009 at 08:14 AM



“ Hi Dorothy, The other day Linda sent me some pictures of your house. Tony has been staging it to prepare for selling. When I saw the fireplace I started to cry because I realized you are trully gone from our lives here on earth. I know you are happy and safe up there with Jesus but boy do I miss you. I know you are watching over all of us. I love you so much.

Dottie, #7 daughter and niece - October 25, 2009 at 09:45 PM



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Momma,

Today marks the fifth week that you went to meet the Lord our Savior. I think about the wonderful times that you and I had before your departure. Also, I remember when Linda and I lived with you, you would hear Linda and I laughing and that filled your heart with joy and laughter. I remember each time when Jerry and I would do something for you and you were so excited like a child in a candy store. I remember how you loved to have company and how you always wanted to feed everyone. I remember how your face

glowed when I would pick you fresh cut flowers. I remember when you and I had long talks we would laugh, or cry and of course sometimes even do both. I also remember how I use to sat in your lap as a child and how I could feel your love for me. I remember as a child how you would heat up my blanket in front of the heater and have me run jump in the bed and you would place that warm blanket on me. I remember all the pretty dresses that you made for me and how all my teachers adored them. I remember children making fun of me in school because of my freckles and how they called them cooties, I came home crying that day and you said to me: Those aren't cooties their kisses from angels and they're jealous because they don't have any. I remember how you were in no doubt the best Momma in the whole wide world. I found a card the other day from you and the card read:

LaQuita, I was thinking of you this morning, and how you have always had a special place in my heart because you are my youngest daughter. I remember back when you were little before you started to school how little you were and how I used to fix your hair, you looked so cute in those blonde curls. I just couldn't help but to squeeze you in my arms but I just wanted you to know how much I love you. Sometimes we forget to tell those that are close to us..

I Love You, Mom

Momma the only fault I seen in you was the fact that you wouldn't tell some people how you truly felt about them. I truly fill that you didn't do that because of chaos, especially between us children. But, I will always keep all the special words between us in my heart! Back in January when I realized that you were sicker than what I imagined you said to me; Honey if you and Jerry hadn't came when you did I believe I wouldn't be alive now! Momma I am so sorry for not coming that day when you called me. You said you understood that Jerry was at work and I didn't have transportation. I believe that's why you wanted me to have your car, because you knew I needed means of transportation. When we were staying there with you our only means of transportation had also went on the blink. This is when you told Jerry and I to call Allen and ask him how much he wanted for that econ van. I remember how you told Jerry to shut up because you wanted to pay for that van. You just wanted to make sure that I had transportation and Jerry had a way to make a living for us. You also wanted to make sure that we had our own home, you said that Jerry and I gave up our lives to take care of you and that was the least that you could do. I told you then that their would be a problem with others and of course there was, but you said to me; IT'S NOBODY'S BUSINESS HOW I SPEND MY MONEY! Then I remember when a few of them wanted to hire a nurse to take care of you. In fact you said if they want to hire a private nurse than they can pay for it, why would I want to pay for a nurse when you and Jerry are taking such wonderful care of me! A nurse wouldn't cook for me, do my laundry for me, kiss and love me and tell me that they love me, clean out my gutters, paint my deck, replace my chimney, make me

gardens,
pick me a fresh bunch of flowers, work on my car, sew for me, keep my house clean,
give me a pedicure, go grocery shopping for me, take me to church, no you said if
they want to hire a nurse then let them pay for it. Momma I'm sorry for leaving when I
was ask to, but I guess it work out because you were able to have some one on one
time with your children. I just want you to know momma that I would do it all

October 25, 2009 at 11:33 AM



“ Good morning Mom, this morning at 3:20 you have been gone from us five weeks now. But, knowing that one day I will see you again, is what keeps me going. The grieving hasn't got any better. Some days it is so hard to carry on. In fact one day, coming from work, I thought I need to call Mom to see if you needed anything from the store, then reality kick in. There are so many wonderful memories of you Mom, that I hold dear to my heart, that no one can take away!Oh, how I miss you so!! Well, I'm getting ready for church, so you keep all those angels straight up there. I'll be writing you soon! Love you so much your #1 daugher Linda

Daughter - Linda June Ward York - October 25, 2009 at 08:30 AM



“ I have been reviewing all the messages and my heart is so saddened for the ones left behind. I lost my own mother three years ago and the hurt is still there. I call her Mom, Mom, Mom and I wish she was still with us. I feel the hurt for all of you and am deeply sorry for your loss. I knew her enough to know that she was an incredibly wonderful lady. God be with you.

Laurie Walker - October 20, 2009 at 10:36 PM



“ Nanny, I was sitting in my kitchen Sunday talking about you to Matt and I had this overwhelming feeling of emptiness. A void that seemed so odd because I was talking about you knowing that I couldn't actually have our special little conversations anymore. It was weird thinking of the upcoming holidays and you not be in the plans. I would have never thought last Christmas would have been our last. I never thought you wouldn't be here right now. I should have video taped you with the kids. Why didn't I think of that?! It is so strange thinking about what you would want us to do since you are not here. I still have a hard time believing you've gone home to the Lord. I guess the hardest part for me now is knowing that even your house isn't going to be part of our lives anymore. There are so many wonderful memories there. I really wish you were here. I could really use your hug. I love you so much and I think of you always!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Love, Fonda

Fonda - October 19, 2009 at 10:45 PM



“ Momma I found this poem today written by: Diana Whitton called I Loved You So. It goes like this: I think of you and start to cry, It breaks my heart that you had to die. Your final days were filled with pain, But never once did you complain. I miss you so with all my heart, But I know we'll never be apart. I'll always have memories of you and me, With lots of pictures of you to see. Your Angel came down and took you away, Even though our family wanted you to stay. Your pain is gone...it is no more, It's time to spread your wings to soar. I know it was your time to go, But, always remember....I loved you so.

Momma, I truly thank you for all that you have done for Jerry and I. I remembered once when you offered to help Jerry and I because our only means of transportation had broken down. You said to me honey let me help you, because without transportation how can you make a living?

I can't Momma! So, you said do me a favor honey let me help you and it will put both of our minds at ease. For God has blessed me ten foe, now let me bless you.

Remember Momma when i told you someone would have a problem with that and you said: If I can't help my children in time and need then what good am I. Besides I could never repay you and Jerry for what y'all have done for me. Momma I appreciate every thing you have done and

Jerry and I would do it all over again ten foe!!!!!! That's one thing that no one can ever take away and that's the time you and I had together. I will truly cherish that all the days of my life!!!!!!!!!!

Baby Daughter-Laquita - October 19, 2009 at 08:08 PM



“ Hey Mom,(my favorite Mom) I told you that I would let you know how the reunion was. It was good, and of coarse the food was good as always. I got a new receipe today from Linda, you know the girl that had the five little boys. Modene wasn't there, she was in the hospital. The doctors are still running test on her, really don't know what is causing her problems, other than an urinary tract infection. I called the hospital when I got home and talked with her. And you wasn't there Mom, it wasn't the same. The basement of the building had flooded, so we had it up stairs. Don't know if people thought that it was postponed, but there wasn't that many people there. Joe and Martha was there, and Allen came. Dottie and Tim did not come. Laquita and Jerry was not able to come. Jerry had to put brakes on the van, they have two jobs to do tomorrow. We left early because we had to met the insurance adjuster. We had some hail damage to our roof. The insurance will pay about 40% of it. I guess that's better than us paying for all of it. Yesterday, Kathy, Wanda (kathy went and got Wanda) Laquita, Jerry and myself met at your house and sort some things out. Kathy and Wanda spent the night last night and Sandy met them over there today. We have got a lot done. You ought to see the basement Mom, it looks so good. As I was going through some boxes in the basement, I came across report cards of mine that you have kept since I was in the 1st grade to the 9th grade. I was so excited that you had keep them this long. Mom, this grieving doesn't seem to get any better. Oh how I miss you so. I love you so very very much. Love your #1 daughter Linda

daughter - Linda York - October 17, 2009 at 07:33 PM



“ Hey Mom. While you are in heaven, please watch over me and my family, and all of my siblings and their families. You may not be here on earth, but your spirit lives on! The death of a mother is the hardest to bear for she is the one who is there for us the most. In her (your) life she has shown her children a path to follow and now she is resting in God's embrace. I know you are sleeping Mom, with a sweet smile on your face as you sleep the pain away. Resting in God's arms now. God need another angel in Heavenly Choir and that's why you had to go. I remember even in your weakest hour you tried to comfort me, calming my soul as only a mother can soothe. You have always been there through the thick and thin, no matter what our false were, you still loved us unconditionally. I remeber Tonya asking you once, what word would describe the love you have for your children, and you said unconditonally. Fighting all life's battle, knowing it's triumphantly you would win. I miss you more than these words could ever say. The pain in my heart is hurting so. But finding relief is knowing I will see you again someday soon. Oh how I miss you Mom. Again thank you Mom for being a wonderful Mom. I wished everyone could say that they had a Mom like you, You will never be forgotten. Oh, how so many people love you! I miss you so, how I wished I could pick up the phone and call you, and you tell me it will be alright. I miss you so very very much. Love your #1 daughter Linda

daughter - Linda York - October 15, 2009 at 09:05 PM



“ Momma,

I found this poem that tells our feelings since your departure to heaven, this was written by: Christine McClimans. It goes like this:

The sun came up this morning:
It wasn't very bright.
My dark mood casts a shadow;
It's hard to see the light.

We all have just one mother
And, now that her life on earth is done,
The emptiness and loss I feel
Make it hard to see the sun.

Tomorrow is a brand new day;
May the pain and sadness lighten.
I will remember all her love,
And then the sky will brighten.

Gone is not forgotten;
Her love reminds behind;
She's traveled in a new direction -
Love knows no space or time.

I will always love her.
She will care for me from above.
She will send me starlight and rainbows
To remind me of her love.

Momma I will always cherish the times we had together. I still remember each time you ask for a task and the smile that was embraced on your face; once that task was done; how you showed great excitement on your face, like a child in a candy store. I am so glad that you and I were more than mother and daughter. You were also my dear sweet friend and my teacher. Thanks Momma for all that you and I shared. With no doubt I will cherish these things forever!!!!
With All My Love and Remembrance;
Your Baby Daughter,
LaQuita



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Mom,

I just wanted you to know how much i truly miss you. But know that you will always been in my thoughts and heart. I was going through some paperwork of yours and found this, which was written by Pat O'Reilly:

God made a wonderful Mother, A Mother who never grows old; He molded her heart of pure gold; In her eyes he placed bright shining stars, In her cheeks fair roses you see; God made a wonderful Mother, and he gave that dear Mother to me.

Momma,

tell God I said thanks from the bottom of my heart for giving me such a
WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL MOTHER

I Love you Momma, I Love you Momma

I love you Momma

Your baby daughter LaQuita

Daughter-LaQuita Mae Ward Hayes - October 12, 2009 at 12:31 PM



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Hey my beautiful Mother. I love you, and tell Jesus I love HIM. I know you are looking down on us. I loved you like a Mother. When I was sixteen, you took me to get my driver license. Thank you for all that you have done for me. Love Jane

Sister-in-law Jane - October 11, 2009 at 07:07 PM



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Hi Mom, today is three weeks that you went home to be with the Lord. Brenda and I were dicussing this morning about your last meal. I remember you had mention to me that you would like some fish and hush puppies. How significant that it was, your last supper, fish and bread. Communion before you went home to be with Jesus. How in the bible, fish and bread represents a miracle. A miracle that you did not have to go to a Nursing Home. How you and I prayed against that! And God in HIS mercy worked it all out, down to every little detail. And that you stayed in your own home, and went to sleep there. I often think back that day, what you and I had talked about. How I would forgot something, and you would spank my bottom, and say that's what you use to do when your was little, and we would just laugh. Even discussed that a few more months, we would be baking and making peanut brittle for Christmas. Kathy and I will try to attempt to make your famous brittle. When that time comes Mom, you will have to help us and guide us. I know you will be there with us. Also I was thinking, how up to few hours before Jesus called you home, that you were at the kitchen table praying and thanking God. So, maybe you knew then that you were going home. I will never forget that day Mom. I still miss you so! I love you so very very much! Your #1 daughter Linda

Daughter Linda Ward York - October 11, 2009 at 06:53 PM



“ Hi Mom, Kathy, Wayne, Jerry, Laquita, Belinda, Fonda, Tony and myself met this morning at your home to sort out things. Oh Mom, there were so many memories, which I will always keep in my heart. I came by Thursday and dropped off some boxes, and I went through the house and looked over at your chair, oh how was sadden, it seemed so empty, but I felt your spirit there Mom. I cried all the way to work. I miss you so Mom. If only I could hear you call my name one more time. Come and visit us some time. I love you so much. #1 daughter Linda
PS - Joe, Martha, Allen and myself is going to the family reunion, which it is on the 17th. I know if you were here you would be going. I'll write you and let you know how it was. Love ya Mom

daughter - Linda York - October 09, 2009 at 05:18 PM



“ Dear Nanny,
Today is Wednesday 10/7/09 and I am amazed how days pass. Life goes on and for those of us that struggle with loss it makes it very hard to understand why the world doesn't stop so one can grieve. I always say but tomorrow is another day and it can bring healing. You know when Granny named you she couldn't have picked a more appropriate name since your name means "Gift of God". I am happy that your not in pain anymore but I miss you so much. Do you remember how we (me, you and the kids) use to eat your chicken and vegetable soup together with corn bread? We would sit at the table and just talk. I'm making it tonight for dinner. I hope you will look down and see us sitting around the table. I rolled Sarah's hair with paper for school pictures. She looked so pretty. So you would be proud of me. I remembered how to do it. I miss our Friday nights and every Friday is so hard knowing that time is gone. I think of you always. I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU!!!!

Fonda Brown - Grand-daughter - October 07, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Momma,

I miss you so much and wish I could just put my arms around you just one more time. Momma I'm so sorry for any grief that i ever gave you. I just miss you so much and wish you were here so i could talk too you. I'm trying so hard to be strong not only for me but for you as well. Because I know that you told me that you didn't want us to be sad but for us to be happy. So, I will try my very best to be a little stronger for the both of us. Until we talk again, I LOVE YOU MOMMA!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your Baby Daughter;

LaQuita

Daughter-LaQuita Mae Ward Hayes - October 07, 2009 at 08:47 AM



“ the other night I was walking Sadie and I looked up at the moon. It was almost full and just below it was a planet bright and shiny. I always believe that it is Jesus's star when he was born. As I looked at the sky that night I thought of you up there with Jesus and I wished you a good night and thanked Jesus for allowing you into my life. I love you so and miss you.

niece, Dottie - October 06, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ Hi Mom, It's been three weeks now that you have went home to be with the Lord. Oh, how I miss you so! Tonya told KK that you had went home to be with Jesus, and KK said that God gave you wings so you could fly to heaven. I know Mom that you do have those angel wings. Mom, I can still fill your presence around, especailly when I go by your house. I know you are looking down Mom, guiding all your children, and I know you are still praying. I was looking through your bible yesterday, and found a letter that you wrote Jesus, back in 1999. Somethings you had marked off, 'cause those prayers were answered. I know you did not see all those prayers request take place before you left, but I do know that your prayers was not in vain. I feel that God is still working to demonstrate HIS awesome power! So, don't worry Mom, all of us will be okay. I went to see Jane yesterday, and she miss you so. She was talking how you took her to get her driver license, and that you were like a morhter to her. I really miss you Mom. But I know that you are finally not suffering anymore. I'll write you again soon Mom. I love you so much!!!! #1 daughter Linda

daughter - Linda York - October 04, 2009 at 05:32 PM



“ Hi Mom,

I just wanted you to know that I Love You!!!! You have left behind so many precious memory's, thank you Momma. Also, I wanted to you know how proud I am to have had you as my Mother. Momma can I ask you a question? Is it truly as wonderful as they say their in heaven? I hope so Momma, because you deserve to have so much and I truly hope that you are taking in all that wonderful GLORY!!!! Because you are so deserving of all of those wonderful things. Momma please stay close to especially those whom you know that need your loving arms around them. Guide them safely through life and place your hands upon there shoulders so, they can feel your touch as I have. And Momma help me and my sisters and brother to endure the forth coming as we proceed to handle your estate. Please have God bless up and keep us and all of our children and there children safe. Until we speak again for every more. I LOVE YOU ALWAYS;

Truly your baby daughter LaQuita(#6)

Daughter-LaQuita Mae Ward Hayes - October 04, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ Hi Sis, Is difficult to realize you are with the Lord. We always's Looked foward to visiting you and all your chrilden own family day. Martha loved you so much you was like a big sister to Her, the only confort we can get now is knowing we will see you in Heven some day. YOU see, you was more like a Mother to me because you raised me while our Mom and Dad worked . And you whipped my butt and made me go to School to get what eduation I have , And I'M GREATFUL FOR THAT. You see now my Mother is gone on to be with the lord.

Joe and Marttha cain - September 28, 2009 at 11:14 AM



“Nanny, I don't know where to begin or where to start! There is so much emotion inside me right now. So much I want to say. But no words here on earth could ever describe my feelings to the right degree or magnitude..... I just read all the messages written to you and about you! It is apparent by the messages and the number of people who are still thinking of you that you have left a mark on this worlda watermark. “A watermark is a line or mark left on the shores of a body of water by the water as an indication of the water's former elevation. Watermarks vary greatly in their visibility; while some are obvious on casual inspection, others require some study to pick out.” As the Colorado River left a mark on this earth that we now refer to as the Grand Canyon, your heart and soul has left a watermark on our lives. The Grand Canyon is one of the seven wonders of the world. It was created over a 5.4 million year span. Looking at the impression/watermark that you left on this earth, you should be named the eight wonder of the world. You left an impression of so many things. You were not just a woman, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, niece, daughter, sister, etc., but you were also a devout Christian. You gave your heart and soul to serving God. You were a Proverbs 31 woman...”A strong, dignified, multitalented, caring woman who is an individual in her own right. This woman has money to invest, servants to look after and real estate to manage. She is her husband's partner, and she is completely trusted with the responsibility for their lands, property and goods. She has the business skills to buy and sell in the market, along with the heartfelt sensitivity and compassion to care for and fulfill the needs of people who are less fortunate. Cheerfully and energetically she tackles the challenges each day brings. Her husband and children love and respect her for her kind, generous and caring nature. But with all her responsibilities, first and foremost, she looks to God. Her primary concern is God's will in her life. She is a woman after God's own heart.”

Nanny, I know that you were not perfect and you would have been the first one to point that out, however you were close enough to perfect for me. You were and always will be a Proverbs 31 woman... I am blessed to have had you in my life! I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU so very much! 'Till I see you again, Tonya.

Tonya - September 27, 2009 at 11:48 PM



“Hi Aunt Dorothy, I just read some of the wonderful things your children, grandchildren, and your great grandchildren have written. My heart is breaking because I miss you so. I shed tears of sadness for myself but tears of joy for you. I know you are running thru those wild flowers with Grannie and Popa shouting PRAISE GOD we're finally here. Give my love to Grannie and Popa. Remember I love you so much and thank you for your love. Love always and always, Dottie

Dottie Swenson,neice - September 27, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“ Hi Momma,

This day marks a week since you departed from us. I just want to say I miss you so much and miss the time we had together. You were such an inspiration to me and all of my family. You would be proud of me momma, I have and will walk away from any and all confrontation. I made a promise to you and will continue to keep my promise as long as I live. I will keep you in my heart and cherish this keepsake for ever and ever. I LOVE YOU MOM!

Daughter-LaQuita Mae Ward Hayes - September 27, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ Nanny,

Its been one week since you departed to be with the Lord,And I wanted to tell you again just how much I LOVE YOU!!!!Although I am saddened by your departure I am relieved of the fact that you don't have to suffer anymore!!And yes I do miss you so very much,but I know that you are with every one of us right now and forever more!! just want to thank you for being there for all of us!You were and will always be a Godsend!!!!!!So until the day we meet again you will forever be a part of my life!! I LOVE YOU FOREVER MORE!!!!!!

Love , Jason

Grandson Jason Holcomb - September 27, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Good morning Mom. It is Sunday, it's been a week since you have gone home to be with the Lord. Oh, how I miss you so!!! I know you are having church today, singing with all those angels. And I know you are sending out for a bucket of chicken for everyone. Mom, you were my angel here on earth. Thanks again for being a wonderful Godly mother that has instill so much in me. Belinda and Tonya was crying Thursday, saying that they were so thankful that I brought them up in church and instilled in them about our heavenly Father. I give you thanks for that Mom. I'm sitting here thinking that Saturday before you went home, how you were sitting at the table looking through your mail and thanking God and praising HIM. I thank you Mom, that I have such special memories that some children cannot say. You will never be forgotten. You stouched so many lives. I love you Mom. Your #1 daughter.

daughter - Linda York - September 27, 2009 at 07:36 AM



“ Hey Nanny, I want you to forgive me for not crying a lot, I am trying to be strong but it is so hard. I want to let you know that you give me inspiration which helps me in every thing I do. Life will never be the same without you. You made such a big difference in my life. You prayed me into this world and because of that I have a stronger relationship with Him because of you. Mom asked me last night what would Nanny want me to do. You are still watching over me. You are wonderful. What a blessing and a honor to have you as a Great-Grandmother. I love you and I think my mother said it best as God will heal my pain and I hold on knowing that I will have one more day. Love, Ian

Ian Brown - September 26, 2009 at 11:43 PM



“ My dear sweet Dorothy! I am honored to have known you since the late 80's. I can truly state that you are the most "Godly Woman" that I know. You have been such a blessing in my life. You have been my friend and in a sense...a spiritual mom. There has never been a time that I ever doubted that you would not be there if I ever needed to talk. You were always available. You have shared your wisdom and love unconditionally. I love you very much and will miss you. You are a very special person and I am very thankful that I had you in my life. I look forward to seeing you again...thank you for being who you were!

Joan Bell - September 26, 2009 at 06:47 PM



“ Hello Nanny, I miss you! I called over to the house today hoping to get someone on the phone but all I got was your voicemail. I was good to hear your voice. I just cried. I have to figure out a way to save your message so I can play it anytime I want. Ian said he loves you and He is keeping his picture of you holding him on the front porch of your old house. Jacob has the Christmas picture of our family you had in your room. He really misses you but he is finding it hard to express his feelings. Sarah and Emma have a picture of you holding Emma and hugging Sarah. You looked so pretty in the picture. You really loved your great-grand children. The take turns sleeping next to the 5 generational portrait we had made with you. Sarah wrote you a song and shared it with me. Emma asked me last night when we could go to heaven to see you. She is really keeping me on my toes with her thought provoking questions. Hannah kept asking me today if we were going to Nanny's house. I promise I will share all my wonderful memories with her. I was at your house yesterday and it is still a place of refuge. Matt went by today and he said it still feels like your here. There is such peace is your home. He kept expecting you to walk through the door. I miss you so much!!!! You know tonight last week I was with you right now. I really treasure that time we had together. I love you, I love you, I love you!!!!

Fonda Brown - September 25, 2009 at 09:04 PM



“ Good morning Mom, today is Friday, the day that for the past 7 years have come to your home, cleaned, styled your hair, even there were times in the past that we went shopping together. Today my heart is heavy, grieving the loss of my Mother at 3:20 am. Sunday @ 3:20 am is when I called your name and you did not answer, and I knew that you had already went home to be with the Lord. I've got to go to work today Mom, to keep my mind occupied. I know you would understand. Even though you are not here with us, you will always live in our heart.s. I'll still write and email you and let you know how the things are going. Oh how I know that you are right in the middle of all those angels up in heaven, rejoicing. I can fill your big hung right now as I am typing, you are telling me - It will be alright Honey. You have a wonderful day in the Lord Mom. Your loving daughter Linda

daughter - Linda York - September 25, 2009 at 03:46 AM



“ Hi Mom,

I knew you were a little disappointed on the first day of viewing; I could tell because of your bottom lip the way it poked out. But boy Mom did you see the next day, wasn't it great. And wasn't all the flowers just so beautiful!! Oh! Mom what about the seven white dove's they released? Wasn't that fantastic they flew over the tree tops and circled around back to you. Jerry and I have always said that you were a saint and God knows that it is truly the truth. I want to personally thank you for all you have done for me. Not just for teaching me right from wrong but instilling into me that there is truly life after here. I told every one that once you got into those pearly gates you begin running through those fields of wild flowers, shouting glory Im free, Im free at last!!! You have been not only my Mother, but also my dear dear friend. Thank you Mom for making me all the things that i am for i am truly grateful to be your daughter. Thanks for helping me gain the strength and the determination to endure my days left here on earth. For you're the one that has taught me to always trust in God because he will truly get you through every day. Thank you Mom, until we meet again. Just remember Mom you said if I need you just call your name and some how you'll answer. I may not here your voice but i will know that you are truly their as you always have been for me. I miss you mom but i know that you truly are still with me and always will be in my heart, mind and soul. You are truly loyal to God and i am sure that you will be ask by him to share his throne. Thank you God for answering all of my prayers for you are truly the God my mother spoke of. (TAKE CARE OF HER!)

Amen

Daughter-LaQuita Mae Ward Hayes - September 24, 2009 at 10:13 PM



“ Dear Mom. remembering you truly as a Proverbs 31 women. Praise of a virtuous woman, trustworthy, constant in her love, industrious, thrifty, self-starting, enterprising, willing to do hard work, willing to work long hours, compassionate, prepared for the future, a good seamstress, an entrepreneur, not swayed by circumstances, wise and kind, duty-conscious, blessed by her family, a woman of God, and praiseworthy. Her children shall rise up, and call her blessed. Thank you Mom for being such a wonderful Godly Mother. You would be proud of us, even though we could not find you a blue dress (hope you want hold it against us) you looked so pretty, and peaceful. And I think you would be proud of me styling your hair, I did make sure you had that half bang you wanted. All the flowers were beautiful. Laquita said you had your bottom lip poked out because you were upset that no one was at the funeral home Monday. Because of so many roads closed due to all the rain we had, people had a hard time getting there. But Tuesday the funeral home was packed! I told Bishop Allen that if you were there that you would be sending out for a bucket of chicken. Mom I know you seen all those cars lined up south Atlanta Road to CrestLawn. Boy, you had so many people that loved you. There was a message left on your phone from June, she said tell Jesus hello, and tell him I said hello also. We know that you are running and shouting hallelujah up there with Daddy, Papa and Granny, and that you are not in that old wheel chair any more. Mom, as I am writing this, tears are falling so that I can hardly type, missing you so much, but one day I will see you. I will continue to keep the house clean for you. and stop by and water your plants and flowers. I just hope I can follow in your foot steps and my children would be as proud of me as I am of you. I'm so glad that in the last few months that we had truly some quality time together. And I want tell my other sibling that you said I was your #1 daughter. As I have always told you - you are my favorite Mom. Again, thank you Mom for being a wonderful Mom!!

Daughter - Linda York - September 24, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ Mom, I miss you so very much. The days we spent together and words we shared I will cherish in my heart forever. I can feel your love as if you were standing behind me with your arms wrapped around me, oh the power of a mother's love and her hugs. Today I place you in the hands of our Loving Heavenly Father and give you to Him to take care of just as you shared the story of you giving me to Him to take care of when I was a very sick child. I am so thankful for a Godly mother who raised us up in the house of God. By faith I know that I will be with you again I love you so much. I know how much you love me I love you more. Wayne loves you too. This is not goodbye but until I see you again, your loving daughter Kathy.

daughter Kathy - September 24, 2009 at 05:46 PM



“ Mother, I miss you already, I am so glad I spent Mondays and Tuesday with you, it is days I will always remember as our time together. You were the greatest mother in the world and you taught me so much. I know that you are at peace now I know you will tell Granny, Poppa and Daddy hello from me. Your funeral was so beautiful and I know that you were proud, we made sure your car was behind you as you made your last ride. Bob and I made sure your head stone is where it should be and we are having "Ward" added to the back of your headstone. Thanks for being the mother that you were, so many children can't say that about their mother, but I can trully say that my mother was an Angel. Love you so much. Sandy

Sandy LaMarsh - September 24, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ She had peace beyond all understanding and carried herself with upmost dignity. She was a bright and morning star and brought light and love to those around her. She will live on forever in my heart!!!!!!!!!! Forgiveness begins within and brings healing to those who embrace it.

Hope - September 24, 2009 at 03:10 PM



“ One More Day

As I sit here tonight I find it hard to say good-bye.
I see your face with a smile that lights up a room.
I find it hard to think about a day that I can't call you on the phone or come get a hug.
I know I am supposed to be strong but my pain is too great!
The thought of tomorrow is too much to bear.
My heart is breaking and Oh how I wish I had another day.

Please know how much I love you and how you touched my life.
Know that as much as God wanted you I wanted you that much as well!
The thought of missed opportunities and lost moments will always play in my head.
The thought of tomorrow is too much to bear.
My heart is breaking and Oh how I wish I had another day.

There was never a time that we didn't laugh or hug or smile.
Our times were so precious and brought so much joy.
Your hugs were so comforting; your kisses were so kind.
You made me feel special even when I felt insignificant.
You prayed with me, you cried with me and you loved me unconditionally.
The thought of tomorrow is too much to bear.
My heart is breaking and Oh how I wish I had one more day.

You were the sun coming up in the morning and the rainbow after a storm.
You were a peace of heaven here on earth that nurtured your family with grace and mercy.
You were selfless and generous and you gave from the heart.
You were a peace maker and my confidant.
You extended forgiveness quick and swift and convinced others to do the same.
You embraced hope with all your being but, more importantly you had faith that could move mountains.
The thought of tomorrow is too much to bear.
My heart is breaking and Oh how I wish I had one more day.

God hear my cry, keep me as I grieve. I want you to know if I could tell you one more thing it would be you made an imprint on my life, one that will never go away. I would hug you as if there was no tomorrow and shower you with little kisses.
The same way you did me.
I love you and I will see you again!!!!!!
So, tomorrows will come and go and God will heal my pain but I will hold fast knowing that eventually we will have one more day.



“ My dear cousins,

I'm so sorry to learn about Dorothy. Had I known sooner, I would have come to give you my condolences in person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love,
Vickie

Vickie Voyles Schultz - September 24, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ A prayer for the family...

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me show love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
And when there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive...
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we
Are born to eternal life.

May the words from Francis of Assisi be a comforter to you all the days of your lives.

Goodbye Dorothy.

Gigi DeShaw Cude - September 24, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I wish I had words that would take away your pain but I know they don't exist. Try to always remember the good times and the things that she would do or say that would make you laugh and thank God for all the wonderful years you all had with her.

Cindy Gaines - September 23, 2009 at 01:49 PM



“ Loving thoughts and prayers for those left here on earth and may their previous memories bring them as much comfort as possible. May you always remember that God is with you.

Bobbie Bradford - September 23, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Kathy

You and your family are in my thought and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss we know she in God hands now and he is taking care of her with no more pain just love. Please call me if you and your family need or help with anything.

Shirl

Shirl Guinn - September 23, 2009 at 08:46 AM



“ Miss Dorothy, I will love and miss you greatly. linda

Linda C. Allen-Miranda - September 22, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are very sorry for your loss.

Janet & Joe Wagner - September 22, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ Dear Kathy and Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. We know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I know your hearts will ache for the sound of her voice or touch of her hand but this is promised to you again.
Love Charlene Majors (co-worker and friend of Kathy).

Charlene Majors - September 22, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow and may the comfort of knowing your love one is with her Lord and Savior and at peace now put a smile on your face.

Wynell Oldham - September 22, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. Kathy know she will always be with you and she was very proud of the daughter you are.
Love,
Dawn Head

Dawn Head and Family - September 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ Sadness for what could have been, but never was. Hope your passing will give you the peace you never had here on earth!!!

Sister - September 21, 2009 at 08:40 PM



“ Wishing you comfort at this time of loss and hoping you will find peace and healing in the many warm and special thoughts that are with you now

Becky Burgess - September 21, 2009 at 03:43 PM