



Bonnie Sue Lawrence

October 16, 1956 - October 14, 2013

Bonnie Sue Lawrence of Smyrna, Delaware, entered into the joy of rest on Monday, October 14, 2013. She was 56 years old. On October 16, 1956, Marlene D. Lawrence and the late Walter Lawrence welcomed their fifth born into this world. Bonnie attended schools in the Smyrna area and graduated from Smyrna High School, later earning a degree from Delaware Technical & Community College in Human Services.

She went on to work at Ken-Crest Services, where working with the elderly and special needs enhanced her love for nurturing. She also went to school to become a travel agent. Bonnie worked for Tranquility Travel, Inc. in Smyrna, for over 15 years. She was very active in her community and joined a number of organizations which later led her to the Boys and Girls Club. As a youth counselor, she directed children during summer camps, helped to organize clothing drives, and provided resources for those needing food and shelter. Her interest in young adults inspired Bonnie to partner with college admission personnel. She was essential in assisting many young adults entering into college; ultimately being recognized by the NAACP for her community work.

Bonnie attended many churches in the Smyrna area. She ultimately found a home with Christ Care Unit Missionary Baptist Church and was very happy there. She began singing with the United Ebony Singers of Smyrna, her gift of having such a rich vocal range afforded her numerous opportunities to

perform for various churches throughout the region. In the spring of 2012, Bonnie competed in the "Smyrna Got Voice", singing competition at the Smyrna Opera House finishing among the top 3 vocalists. Bonnie was such a social butterfly and gathered a lot of friends with her warm and generous spirit. It was not uncommon to see these adults at family gatherings and celebrations quickly to be considered additional family members. Bonnie enjoyed playing card games, cruise vacations, and concerts.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving son, Thomas Lawrence (Shucca) of Dover, DE; her mother, Marlene Lawrence of Smyrna; two grandsons, Marcus and Myles of Dover; four sisters, Wanda Pierce of Dover, Carla Lawrence of Oakland, CA, Robin Lawrence of Felton, DE and Vanessa Thomas (Herman) of Lewes, DE; five brothers, Emerson Johnson (Joyce) of Oakland, CA; Cary Lawrence (Gwendolyn) of Middletown, Mark Lawrence of Smyrna, Blair Lawrence of Bridgeton, NJ and Gary Lawrence of Smyrna; a great-uncle, Charles Handy (Marie) of Philadelphia, PA; special cousin, Faye Gardley of Smyrna. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, best friends, and cousins, Janet Benson, Roslyn Downs, Pat Stombaugi, Mona Cooper, Jim Strong, and Yvonne Mosley; three godchildren Teondra Heath, Richard and Ruben Wayman, and many other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *May all of you who are mourning the passing of Bonnie Lawrence gain a measure of comfort, remembering that by means of God's Kingdom, all human suffering and even death will one day be completely removed! (Please read 1 Corinthians 15:25; Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:4) For our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death, a resurrection to life on a paradise earth awaits them. (Please read Acts 24:15; John 5:25-30; Psalm 37: 10, 11, 29)*

Miss Weston - October 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MQ

“ *Thomas and the Lawrence Family, I heard the sad news on the loss of Bonnie. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I can't imagine what you & the family must be going through right now and how difficult this must be for the entire family. She was a great person and will truly be missed. Ms Queen*

Ms Queen - October 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *To the family, may God hold you in the palm of his hands and carry you thru this loss and show you that he knows better . Bonnie is now home with the master at rest at last. Let your tears be tears of joy for joy comes in the morning to all who believe*

Debbie Miller - October 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Heartfelt sympathy to the family, May you find peace in knowing that Bonnie is in a better place, Jean Cottman*

Gloria J. Cottman - October 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I have known Bonnie since we were very young and attended school together, yet when we would see each other it was as if time had stood still. She was the same sweet Bonnie with her infectious laughter and her warm smile and always a hug. Smyrna isn't EVER going to be the same without Bonnie. One of the nicest people on earth, and now an angel in heaven. You have my deepest sympathy I hope it helps to know she was loved by so many.

Beatrice Ginn Melvin - October 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and death will be no more. (Rev 21:3,4)

Sherry - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Having a loved-one fall asleep in death is painful. May you find hope and comfort from God's promise that "the earth will let those powerless in death come to life." (Isaiah 26:19)

Tanya A. - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sending Love, Sympathy and Comfort to my Family on the Loss of Bonnie, she will surely be missed. I know she's in Heaven singing mighty with that Beautiful voice of hers. Please call me if you need anything, I Love You All,
Darcel

Darcel Williams Carter - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Condolences to the Lawrence family during this time of sadness. Bonnie will be missed. I will always remember her laughter. Rest in peace.*

*Mrs. Joan Corbin
St. Ignatius, Montana*

Joan Corbin - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM