



## Cora Doretha Washington (Robinson)

June 3, 1923 - October 4, 2020

Cora Doretha Robinson Washington, was born on Sunday, June 3, 1923. She went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 4, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., at her home, in Lewes, Delaware, with her daughter, Leonia and her healthcare aide, by her side. At the age of 97, Cora was the oldest African American living in Lewes.

Cora was raised and educated in the local schools in Lewes. Her dream was to attend Delaware State College, one of the few options open to “coloreds” who wanted to obtain a high school diploma. However, due to financial difficulties, she went to work with her mother, as a domestic engineer.

Cora and her parents lived on Savannah Road next to the fire station. They eventually moved to St. Paul Street.

Cora was employed at Sport Craft. She and her friend, Mary Lib Riley, walked to work every day. They were also joined by their friend, Sarah Collick. While working at Sport Craft, Cora met the love of her life, Collins Washington. She affectionately called him “Wash”. They lived in Lewes all their lives. Their first home was on Pig Tail Alley, now known as Coleman Avenue. They later relocated to DuPont Avenue and remained there until her passing.

Cora had a love for the piano and played by ear. At an early age, she joined

St. George A.M.E. Church. It was a must to attend church and Sunday School. Cora was a dedicated member for 75 years. She was a stewardess, a missionary and helped with various ministries. Years later, Cora joined Friendship Baptist Church. While there, she became involved with the missionary department, which she truly loved. She enjoyed the visits they made every month. She loved keeping the white communion coverings ready. Cora was loved by everyone she met. She always had some candy in her pocketbook and there were treats enough for everyone. Cora became the Mother of the Church, along with Mary Turner and Lucinda White. Mother Cora placed telephone calls morning and nights to so many people. She always had something to say to make you laugh; just ask Rev. McCaffity and Sister Edwards. She was a mess!

In addition to her husband, Collins Washington, Cora was preceded in death by her, daughter, Julia "Bonnie" Coyle; son, Ronald Maull Robinson, Sr.; grandson Ronald Robinson, Jr. and great-grandson, Bryant Robinson, Jr.

Cora leaves to cherish her memory, daughter, Leonia Robinson; eight grandchildren, James Robinson, Michele Ward, Teresa Johnson, Robbie Robinson, Ramona Robinson Adrian James, Maria Perkins and Trudy Maker; 24 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Debythia Maull Singleton; adopted brother, Sam Craft; adopted sisters, Ruth Turner and Thelma White; a special niece, Cora Elizabeth Campbell; five additional nieces; four nephews; special friend and neighbor, Lorraine Smith; three adopted daughters, Gladys Briggs, Alicia Cephas and Marie Loper; four adopted sons, Bobby Savage, Thomas Palmer, Barry Bull and Kenneth Riley; senior companion from First State Community Action, Faye Burton; special nurse, Gina Mifflin; special friends, Elizabeth Ball and Mary Turner; sister-in-law, Linda Stone; many adopted children; and a host of cousins and friends

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Hi Cousin Leona....sending my condolences to you and the rest of the family. Hettie Ann's daughter in Pittsburgh. Carolyn Jones Peeks.*

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**Carolyn Peeks** - October 13, 2020 at 05:42 PM

KF

“ *This is your niece Kathie I will miss you dearly Queen Cora as I always call you. I love you my dear. My Aunt and my God mother. You are with your sister now my mother. Give her a kiss for me. You sure no how to put a smile on anyone face. Now God is smiling on you. I will never forget you. Love you always Queen*

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**Kathie Fluker** - October 10, 2020 at 08:28 PM

LB

“ *I love you aunt Cora you will be greatly missed. Love your niece Lynn*

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**Lynette Bolden** - October 10, 2020 at 07:42 PM

SS

“ *Mrs Cora Washington will be missed by us all. I would have the best talks with her over the years and we would reminisce about our family members and the fun we had in Lewes over the years. We will miss a lovely strong lady. Love and deepest sympathy to Leonia and the family. Stell Parker Selby*

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**Stell Parker Selby** - October 09, 2020 at 10:44 PM