



Lavinia Johns

July 23, 1951 - November 30, 2012

Lavinia “Punie” Johns was the youngest child born to Herbert Pinkney and Emma Johns on July 23, 1951 in Cordova, MD. She departed this life after a lengthy illness on Friday, November 30, 2012 at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. She was 61 years of age. She resided in Talbot County, Maryland where she was born and went to public schools. Lavinia attended Moton and Easton High School where she graduated. After being in the labor workforce for several years, she went back to school and earned her bachelors degree from Sojourner Douglas College and obtained her teacher’s certificate. After graduation, she was employed by Wicomico County Public Schools for twenty-two years. She taught first grade and later kindergarten at West Salisbury Elementary School where her warm, nurturing personality touched the lives of students and faculty alike.

Lavinia was an active member of Allen AME Church where she was a member of the Usher board, a church school instructor (and former superintendent), “ever-ready” choir member, kitchen staffer and friend to all who knew her. She loved spending time with family as she spoiled her nieces & nephews (and any other child she knew) with attention. Shopping was a favorite pastime as was cooking (she was famous for her coconut cakes). She delighted in brightening the days of others with laughter and was a proud God-mother.

Lavinia is survived by one brother, Harry Johns (Joyce) of Preston, MD and two sisters, Frances Johns of Cordova, MD & Marget Cooper of Cambridge, MD; nieces: Sylvia Johns & Demetria Creek (James); nephews: Antonio Johns (Phyllis), David Cooper (Angie), Herbert Cooper (Faye), Everett Johns & Troy Johns; her beloved God-son, Malachi Weeks, many great nieces & nephews and a host of aunts, cousins, other family members and friends.