



Lena Leola Anthony

October 9, 1927 - February 24, 2020

Lena Leola White Anthony, a longtime resident of Princess Anne, MD, peacefully departed this life at the age of ninety-two (92) on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Manokin Rehabilitation Center in Princess Anne, MD. Born on October 9, 1927 in Princess Anne, MD, she was the daughter of the late Emory, Sr. and Beatrice Miles White.

After being educated in the Somerset County public school system, Lena later met and married the late James “Jim” Anthony. During this union, James joined the military as a United States Marine, which enabled him to relocate to various cities and states with Lena accompanying him. Prior to permanently returning to Maryland, she resided in Compton, California.

During her early age, Lena joined St. Marks United Methodist Church in Oaksville, MD, where she served as an Usher for many years. She later transferred her membership to St. James United Methodist Church in Westover, MD where she remained a lifelong member, even at the time of her passing. Lena also served on the Usher Board at St. James. Additionally, she fellowshiped with the Repairer of the Breach and Restoration Ministries for a few years where she became one of the “Mothers” of the church, who led others by her example. Her favorite gospel song was “May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me.”

Lena was employed as a private housekeeper while living in Philadelphia, PA, a greeter at McDonald's, English's Catering and the Perdue Processing Plant, all in Salisbury, MD. She retired in 1990 from Perdue, however, she continued to work at the other locations.

Lena enjoyed sewing, cooking, dancing and was the greatest support system of her family and friends. As a seamstress, she would make the most beautiful outfits for several nieces, nephews and herself. Dressed to a tee, all her outfits were worn with a matching hat to top them off. She was an avid reader of magazines; JET and Essence were her favorites.

She leaves to celebrate her life and fond memories: her goddaughter, whom she raised, Lena "Little Lena" White Cottman (Willis "Whip"); godson, Bryant Dennis (Mel); god-grandchildren, Lionel James, Jr. (Geneshia), Bryant Dennis, Jr. Leslie Chester and Dionna Britten (Michael); one sister, Geneva Collins of Salisbury, MD; three brothers, Emory White, Jr. (Aleshia) and Sherwood White, both of Princess Anne, MD and Kenneth White of Salisbury, MD; three sisters-in-law, Martha White of Princess Anne, MD, Sarah White of Delmar, DE and Delores White of Augusta, GA as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, Church family and her traveling buddy, Apostle Sandra Copes. She had a special connection with her doggie, "Queenie."

In addition to her parents, Lena was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles, William, Bernard, Elton, Martin, Edward, Robert and Elmer, Sr. and sisters Catherine Jones and Hazel White.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Tribute Wall

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“ I use to call you aunt Lena, will love Little Lena I know it's every hard to loose another person you called mom, mom there is no way to say good bye, just remember to lean on God's understanding, hold his unchanging hands for He has the master's plan. When my aunt Madge and then my mother 9 months later it felt like the world was closing in. But God put His arms around me, picked me up and carried me. My legs were weak and my heart was broken He got me through and I know he will so the same for you. I got you girl.If anyone reading this do not have relationship with Jesus, know he stands at the door of your heart knocking open the door and welcome Him in. May God bless each and everyone of you--
Madgeline O. D. Brown

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“ I LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER just as if you were another grandma- Leslie Chester

Leslie James Chester - February 26, 2020 at 08:13 PM