



Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson

April 24, 1921 - September 2, 2020

Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson, age ninety-nine, of Harrisburg, PA, passed away in her home on September 2, 2020, after a lengthy illness. She was born April 24, 1921, in Clearfield, PA, the youngest of eight children to the late George and Laura (Miller) Jenkins.

Nelly was educated in the Clearfield public school system and graduated from Clearfield High School. She accepted our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Allen AME Church in Clearfield. She received a vocal scholarship to attend St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA. Shortly thereafter, she transferred to Virginia State College in Petersburg, VA, where she met the love-of-her-life, an Omega Man, Attorney Reuben E. Lawson Sr., a prominent civil rights attorney (now deceased) who practiced law out of Richmond and Roanoke, VA. He is noted for integrating the school systems in Southwestern Virginia. Upon graduating from Virginia State, Nelly became a housewife and moved with her husband to Roanoke, VA.

She enjoyed painting, sewing, knitting, singing and playing the piano, excelling in all. In addition, she became a life member of the NAACP. Upon the demise of her husband in 1962, she became a teacher in Rocky Mount, VA. After tiring of the commute, Nelly moved to Harrisburg, PA, circa 1966, where she taught art at Lincoln Elementary School until her retirement. She also taught art workshops at the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center and did

local Art Displays for her oil paintings.

Nelly is survived by three sons, Reuben Lawson Jr., Esq. (Barbara), Baltimore, MD, Cedric C. Lawson (Musician), Harrisburg, PA, and Terry A. Lawson (Musician), Philadelphia, PA; five grandchildren, Sekou Lawson, Kamilah Lawson, Mavis Jackson, Cedric Lawson Jr. and Susaye Lawson; five great-grandchildren, Darrell Jackson, Jordan Jackson, Maranda Lawson, Krista Lawson and Nathan Lawson; numerous nieces and cousins including Kathryn DeCarlo (Joseph), Bonnie (Jenkins) Reinke (Eric), Yaivette (Roberts) Burton (Keith), Kimberly Ann Doss, Yonise (Roberts) Paige (Erick); and two aunts, Marlene Terrell and Laura Brewer.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE. CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE) AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.

Cemetery Details

Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens

6701 Jonestown Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP 11. 8:30 AM (ET)

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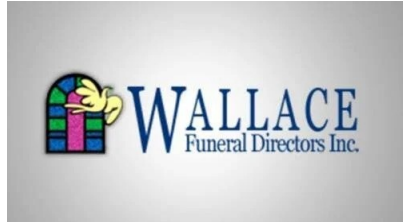
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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson



Wallace Funeral Directors - September 10, 2020 at 05:49 PM

MT

Thank you for the video. The sound was good, however the picture was blurry.

MARLENE TERRELL - September 11, 2020 at 01:04 PM

SB

Sandra L Brunson - September 11, 2020 at 01:11 PM



Absolutely Beautiful.

Lauren Telting - September 11, 2020 at 01:13 PM



May you rest in Peace. Grandmom Lawson.

Lauren Telting - September 11, 2020 at 01:13 PM

AM

Friday, September 11, 2020 @ 1:15pm.

This Homegoing Service for Mrs. Nelly J. Lawson was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady who lived a tremendous life for 99 years. The sermon by Rev. Neva Lawson, the tributes by the family, pastors and friends, and all of the musical selections (vocal & instrumental) were very touching and inspirational.

My deepest condolences to my 3 first cousins, Reuben, Cedric, Terry and all of their children [my first cousins once removed]. May Aunt Nelly rest in eternal peace forevermore. And may the Lawson family be blessed with peace and harmony in the days ahead. Aunt Nelly would, in my opinion, want that for ALL of us.

God bless & keep each and every one of us in His loving care.

With love & peace,

Cousin Adele D. Allen, M.D.

Brooklyn, New York

Adele D. Allen, M.D. - September 11, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *As the grandson of the late Rev. R.R Wilkinson who was President of the Roanoke NAACP me and the Wilkinson family would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the Lawson family. My grandmother Euphesenia Wilkinson who passed away in 2018 met Mrs. Lawson on numerous occasions due to the Civil Rights working relationship between Rueben Lawson Sr. and my grandfather in the 1960's as they fought to integrate Roanoke schools together. My grandmother always said how lovely she was. May her soul rest in eternal peace. With Love, Nathaniel Raymond Benjamin and the Wilkinson Family.*

Nathaniel Benjamin - December 08, 2020 at 05:45 AM

DC

“ I will always remember my Aunt Nelly as a spirited woman. I will cherish the painting she gave me years ago as a wedding gift. Rest in peace.

Love Dana Terrell Coleman

Dana Terrell Coleman - September 13, 2020 at 06:25 PM

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“ Dear Cedrick, Terry, Reuben, and Family,

Remembering your mom and sending God's comfort, peace, and strength to all of you in the name of Jesus.

Cousin Joan P. Hooper

Joan P. Hooper (cousin) - September 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ To Terry and family
May the sweet memory of your beloved mother, Nellie Jenkins Lawson, live on in your hearts forever.
Sister Sheryl and twin sons

Sheryl Wilson Bell - September 11, 2020 at 04:47 AM

SB

“ My prayers are with this family. My Mom Louise Lawson was best friends with Mrs. Nelly Lawson. Our families spent many times visiting. The boys went to school with my sister Bunny and me. The two families shared so much together during the time in Roanoke. Be Blessed family and know that we are thinking of you all . Much love Sandra Lawson Brunson.

Sandy Brunson - September 10, 2020 at 12:49 PM

EC

“ Elmer Coles purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson.



Elmer Coles - September 10, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson.



September 10, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson.



September 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM

DW

“ Dianne M Walker lit a candle in memory of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson



Dianne M Walker - September 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CM

“ *Cassandra Martin lit a candle in memory of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson*



Cassandra Martin - September 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM

CM

My Prayers And Thoughts Are With The Family Members ❤️💙💜 May The Lord Jesus Christ, comfort you in his arms 🙏

Cassandra Martin - September 09, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson.*



September 09, 2020 at 06:41 PM

BR

“ *Barbara (Stephens) Routh. Praying God will comfort, strengthen and give the family peace during this difficult time. As a child, lived across the street from the Lawsons in Roanoke, VA. Two of his grandchildren Kamila and Sekou live 15 minutes from me. Love you all and God Bless and keep you. Mrs. Lawson has gone to her new Heavenly Home.*

Barbara-Stephens Routh - September 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Nelly (Jenkins) Lawson.



September 09, 2020 at 04:41 PM