



Laura Mallory

August 25, 1927 - November 7, 2022

Laura Etta Frances Mallory was born August 25, 1927, in Leesburg, Virginia to the late James Robert Bowles and Laura Lee Bigsby Bowles. Laura was the third youngest of 15 children.

Laura went to a one room black elementary school in Ashburn, Virginia and then was educated in her early years at Douglas Highschool in Leesburg, Virginia. As a teenager Laura was a homebody who loved spending time with her family and friends.

Laura left Leesburg in 1951 where she began working as a supervisor for building service at Howard University for 12 years.

Laura then met and later married the late Frank Mallory. Through this union they have five sons: William Irvin Mallory (deceased), Frank Mallory, Jr. (deceased), Connie Lee Mallory, Lawrence Lee Mallory (deceased), and Bernard Albert Mallory (deceased). Laura was preceded in death by her brothers, Richard, Robert, Walter, Samuel, Charles, Roger, and Daniel (Sonny), and sisters, Mildred Penn, Lillian Whiting, Marie Washington, Mozelle Thorton, Dora Nokes, Norflee Short, and Matha Bowels (infant).

Laura was the matriarch of 6 generations. Even when tragedy struck her 4 sons, she still maintained family closeness and remained strong. She is the

reason we stayed so close.

Laura was well-known, respected, and loved throughout her community. Laura loved cooking, dancing, and telling jokes. Her favorite songs were Green Onions, Anybody Want to Dance, Honky Tonk, along with the classic Don't Make Me Over. She loved watching football, and the Washington Commanders were only her team when they won. Most of all, she loved to spend time with her family, who meant everything to her.

Through Laura's life, she bore witness to many historical and life changing moments: Jackie Robinson - first Black to play on a major league baseball team; Thurgood Marshall and Katanji Brown Jackson the first Black man and woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court; and Barack Obama and Kamala Harris the U.S. first Black President and Vice President.

Laura took sick on October 15, 2022, where she eventually entered eternal rest on November 7, 2022, at United Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Laura leaves behind her son Connie Mallory, Zachary Whitening, and Joseph Smith, her long-time loving companion for over 65 years.

She also leaves behind over 17 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, including her nieces she had a special relationship with Linda Brewington (cookie), Marti Whiting-Pearson, Jeanetta Menefee, and Cynthia Whiting (Shawn) and nephews including Rodney Caldwell who she had a special relationship with. Along with special people in her life Frances Holt and Deborah Oliver.

Laura had a heart and smile you couldn't help but love. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Temple of Praise
700 Southern Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032
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Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Mallory*

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