



## Doris Louise Whittaker

December 31, 1919 - November 19, 2016

Doris Louise Whittaker was born on December 31st, 1919 in the parish of St. Elizabeth in Jamaican West Indies to a German mother Irene Palmer Whittaker, and an Indian father Amos Whittaker. She was 1 of 10 children. She worked at the Excelsior Biscuit Factory for many years.

Doris nearly migrated to Cuba before settling in the United States. She worked as a nursing assistant in Beverly Hills, California, moved to New York City, and ultimately settled in the state of Georgia.

Affectionately called “Mama” by many who knew her, she was a strong Christian believer, and blessed not only her family, but countless others. She was willing to help others in any way possible at all times.

She was a huge baseball fan, and loved her Yankees and her Braves. Ms. Whittaker was also a fan of the lottery, and believed she’d hit the jackpot one day.

She was probably best known for her exceptional cooking skills, and once owned a restaurant and helped daughter and son-in-law with theirs. A family joke was how well she “take command” of her kitchen at home. She memorized everyone’s meals and seemed catered to each one accordingly.

Ms. Whittaker was a very strong woman, and maintained a strong work ethic.

Doris is the mother of four children -- Calvin Lawrence, Glenda Haynes (Lloyd Haynes), Winston Currie, and Andrea Heard (Michael). She poured all of her life into her children, and in her own words "she prayed day and night" for them.

Besides her own children, Ms. Whittaker has helped to raised many other children.

She also has seven grandchildren Francine O'Neal (Ron O'Neal), Christophor Cummings, Winston Currie Jr., Marcus Lawrence, Roul Lawrence, Fabian Lawrence, and Iesha Lawrence. Makaylah O'Neal is the youngest of four great grandchildren. This month marks Ms. Whittaker's 97th birthday.

In addition to all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, Doris is survived by her brother Justin Whittaker, sister Violet Whittaker, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Angels are now continuing to watch over Ms. Doris Whittaker, The unforgettable Mama. She is well loved by all.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one; At the end of each life is a legacy of love and memories. Hold tight to those memories.... Lean on each other for support. And look to God’s Word, the Bible, for comfort and strength. 1 Peter 5:7 encourages; “Throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

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