



Leola Faith Reed

October 21, 1940 - October 2, 2017

Leola Reed of Decatur, GA passed October 2, 2017. A Celebration of life service will be held 12:00 PM on Monday October 9, 2017 at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home. South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway. Decatur, GA 30034. 404-241-5656.

Leola "Faith" Reed was a positive, strong Christian woman, with an endless faith and loving heart. She was born on October 21, 1940 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Aleays Worrell and Samuel Reid.

She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, originally named the Colored High and Training School, the first public high schools opened to African American students in the city of Baltimore, and the alma mater of Thurgood Marshall. From there she worked at the Social Security Administration with two of her closest friends, Brenda and Joan. She had to pass the Army Recruiters office on the same floor every day. Unfulfilled and tired of "surviving" she convinced her mother that she should join the military. She served with pride and dedication earning many awards and accolades to include the National Defense Service Medal during the Vietnam War, and Joint Service Commendation Medal. Retiring in 1979 with the primary specialty title of Counter Intel Agent. She was one of the first African American female Chief Warrant Officers. After retiring, she took a little break, attended

to college courses, before deciding to return to work for the US Immigration Services, and then to the VA Medical Center in Decatur, Ga. She eventually retired for the 2nd time from the VA. She often credited the VA for making sure her family did not have to "survive" but lived, and supported her desire to be a successful role model to her family. After retiring she watched her favorite sports teams, became an avid reader, and traveled the world from South Africa, Ghana, Tanzania, Zanzibar, South America, and China. Raising two children, she always tried to inspire them to connect with people of other cultures and learn and share as much she could soak up about her own African Heritage.

Faith was a wonderful example of Christianity and Christian and community service. She loved God, her family, her friends, and her community. Over the years, she served faithfully at her church, because being a member of Fort Gillem Post Chapel meant to Faith that she was going to be involved in the work of God. She attended Fort Gillem Post Chapel for thirty years until it closed with Fort Gillem Military Base in 2011. She served faithfully, and developed lifelong friendships and relationships that supported her doing some of her best and joyful times, as well as her most difficult and trying trials and tribulations. She served in the Women's Group, Vacation Bible School teacher, and with the Youth Group. She was appreciated for her dedication to her church family. Always a source of humor, matter of fact wit, loyalty, a joyful spirit, and a bright demeanor, Faith had a presence that was appreciated. She went on to become a member of The House of Hope (Greater Travelers Rest) continuing to foster her devotion to God.

Faith is preceded in death by her mother Aleays Worrell, father Samuel Reid, and older brother Christopher Columbus "Jack" Worrell.

She leaves to share her life's work her daughter Evette Halcyone Cruise of Atlanta, Ga; son Kevin Douglass Cruise (SoYoung) of Daegu, South Korea
Camp Walker

In lieu of flowers, call a friend, mail a card, cook a healthy meal, exercise, gets some air, and talk to each other-she would have wanted that

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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knew her as "Faith, friendly gets to the point say what is needed smile and move on... Resting in Peace. D. Arrington & Family



DArrington&Family - October 08, 2017 at 12:34 PM

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Deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. May God keep you at this most difficult time thru his will, love and light you will get thru this. You will always have the loving and cherished memories of your love one. Take care and be strong.



*Larry and Michele Johnson
Clarksville, TN*

Larry and Michele Johnson - October 07, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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Larry and Michelle Johnson (Clarksville, TN) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leola Faith Reed.



Larry and Michelle Johnson (Clarksville, TN) - October 07, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leola Faith Reed.*



October 05, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ *My condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. According to the Bible, man was created perfect, with the prospect of living forever. We know that sin entered into our lives causing death and many of man's woes. What then? The Bible at John 3:16 tell us that eventually mankind will be freed from aging and death. There we will reunite and live forever.*

Marie - October 04, 2017 at 03:11 PM



What a friend we have in Jesus Christ and what a friend I had in you yet my thoughts continues to pound in my head and echoing in my heart! Death cannot end a relationship but love continues forever and a day. I want say good by but I will say I'll see u someday! God Bless Evette and Kelvin and comfort them in their grief.

Eunice Talley, Forth Worth, Texas

EM Talley - October 06, 2017 at 04:13 AM

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To Faith:

RKA (random acts of kindness) is only one way you brought hope, joy, smiles, sunshine, laughter, happiness and showed God's love to family, friends and strangers alike. May you take your well deserved rest and allow the work you did in service to our country and specifically in service to our Heavenly Father speak for you. You not only made a difference in the life and legacy of Fort Gillem Chapel but the body of Christ overall.

To Evette and Family:

With deepest regrets, loving and cherished memories, I share in your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss her. She kept me informed in terms of what was happening with former chapel members once I moved away.

*Her Sister in Christ,
Bernadette Survine*

Bernadette Survine - October 06, 2017 at 04:46 PM

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I will miss "Faith" very much. There were 5 of us who called ourselves the Golden Girls. We would meet at the Golden Corral and solve the problems of the world. We shared love,laughter and great friendship. She will be missed by many.

sandy Reid - October 08, 2017 at 08:37 PM