



Marcena Allen

September 8, 1938 - November 19, 2010

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate. Our sweet Marcena J. Allen was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on November 19, 2010. She was born on September 8, 1938 in Mississippi to Abbie Foster and Sherman Hemphill. She was a kind and gentle soul who loved her family and the Lord. She was a faithful member of Bryant Temple A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, CA, where she had been a resident for over 22 years. Marcena was our mentor, teacher and confidant. She was one of a kind; an irreplaceable wonderful spirit who had such a profound look on life, always looking and creating such love and light wherever her presence was. We all are truly blessed to have had a Marcena in our life. She is survived by her loving mother, Abbie Foster; step-father, Calvin Foster; children, Lynette (David Jackson) Isom-Jackson of San Diego, CA and Craig Isom of Los Angeles, CA; granddaughter, Malaka Jackson of San Diego, CA; great-granddaughter, Hennessy Marie Espana of San Diego, CA; three sisters, Carol Hemphill, Gladys Hemphill and Mildred Hemphill, all of Chicago, IL; two brothers, James Hemphill of Chicago, IL and Rufus Brown of Florissant, MO; four cousins, Frances Ward of California, Diana Simpson, Ray Parker and Don Parker, all of Saginaw, MI; sister-in-law, Dorthy Brown of Florissant, MO; a long list of other family members and friends who adored her, including the people who were there when she needed a shoulder to cry on; the ones who made her smile when she lost hers. I know they know who they are. Thank you for loving my Nana. She was preceded in death by her father, Sherman Hemphill; grandmother, Cornelia Frances Jackson; sister, Shirley Fry; and aunt, Mary Parker.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace.*

Larry Isom - November 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Hello Lynette and Craig, I just rode down 10th St. the other day and when I did I always wonder where you all have gone. I very seldom go that way but when I do I miss the neighborhood and the people who once lived there. Just heard about your mother from my sister. Sorry about your loss and I will get with Mrs. Abby afterward. Take care and God Bless.*

Yvonne Goodman-Reed - November 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM