

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Sylvia Willamina Russell



Services were recently held at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for Sylvia Willamina Russell of Portland who died Nov. 7, 2016.

She was born Feb. 19, 1953, to the union of Portland entrepreneur William (Bill) T. Russell Sr. and Mandy M. Randall, the fourth of seven siblings (Billy Jr., Jeanette, Velma, Edwin, Katherine and Angela).

Growing up in Portland, she attended Highland and Boise elementary schools and Jefferson High School.

She was a loving daughter, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, friend and grandmother. She was known to be kind, sweet, humble, fun, funny and undeniably beautiful inside and out. She enjoyed cooking, spending time with her family, watching her favorite television reality shows and being a connoisseur of crispy fried chicken. Her spirit made you feel loved, nurtured and supported.

Her greatest strength was the love for her three handsome sons, Dee, Marcell and Martez. She instilled in them to love one another, be respectful, and to not judge others. She practiced what she preached with leading by example.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister Carolyn, and brother Edwin Russell. Survivors include her sons; a brother William (Billy) T. Russell Jr., and sisters Jeanette Russell, Velma Russell, Katherine Russell, and Angela Russell and Meesha Russell; grandchildren Maliah Russell, Cecelia Russell, Delilah Russell, Destin Russell, Malachi Branch, Ma'Kal Branch and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

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Helen Patricia Taylor



Helen Patricia Taylor of Portland, who resided on Mallory Avenue with her family for over 40 years, passed away on Nov. 15, 2016. She was born on Oct. 16, 1935. Services will be held at Bethel AME church on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. Viewing will take place Friday afternoon, Dec. 2 at the Terry Family Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Booker Taylor, a daughter Mary Edwards, and a sister Bettye Lewis. She is survived by two daughters, two sons; three sisters, two brothers, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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