

Naomi Offord 1919-2012

Services for Naomi Offord were held Jan. 27 at New Direction Community Church.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1919, in Paris, Texas, to Preston and Sarah Baldwin, the second child from this union that eventually grew to be thirteen children.

Most of her youth was spent in Paris, where she met a young man named Johnnie Offord whom she married and they moved to Portland, Ore., and had four children.

Naomi was a devoted mother who worked domestic jobs throughout her life but her main purpose was raising her children.

Offord resided in the same home for over 51 years. She was well respected and cared for throughout the whole community.

Offord is survived by two daughters: Linda Offord and Ruby & Husband Thomas Reid; Grandchildren: James & wife Letitia Perry, John & wife Annie Perry, Lowell Jackson, Brandy & Husband Aaron Foreman, Preston Reid, Jason Reid, Teressa Hartley and Arianna Reid; Great grandchildren: Johnae Perry, John Perry Jr., Jamaal Perry, Jasmine Perry, Chantanay Perry, Cherisse Perry, Xavier Perry, Duvante Perry, Anthony Perry, James Perry, LaShanda Perry, Lavascia Jackson, Angelo Jackson, Johnette Jackson; Great-great grandchildren: Danaya, Jamaal Perry Jr., Neamia Perry, Samia Perry; Sisters: Charlene James and Virginia Crockett; Brothers: Charles Baldwin and Robert Baldwin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Martha L. Van Arsdale December 7, 1933 - January 16, 2012

Martha Lea Van Arsdale passed away in her home, with family by her side on Jan. 16, 2012. She was born on Dec. 7, 1933 in Camden, Miss., to Drew and Lula Bell Van Arsdale. She was one of a family of thirteen.

Martha married Herbert Hoover Oliver when she was just 16 and in 1952 they moved to Portland, Ore., to start a better life. Herbert had just gotten a position with Pacific Railroad. They had six children together. After getting divorced, Martha met the love of her life, Jimmy Lockhart and they had two children.

Martha worked as a teacher's aide for the Portland Public Schools. She was also a foster parent, taking care of more than 15 children over the years. She had been a member of Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church since the 50's, she liked to fish, cook and enjoyed traveling, visiting family back in Mississippi and Texas, going to Canada often and she had also been to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands which left her speechless.

Martha is survived by her daughters, Balinda Beltran (Alejandro), Beverly Stone Miller (Lee) both of Vancouver, WA; Diane Birgman of Portland; her sons John Olive (Gloria) of Vancouver, WA, Herbert Olive (Darlene) of Portland, OR and Brian Lockhart (Rachel) of Covington, WA; three stepchildren, Florentino Beltran, Ruby Beltran and Eddie Beltran. She also has 21 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Martha in death is her son, Bobby Lewis Olive (Bobo) who, in 1985, was shot and became Oregon's first heart donor; her daughter Lorraine Marie Olive in 1997 and her first husband Herbert Olive in 1990.

It is the family's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Donate Life Northwest: PO Box 532, Portland, OR 97207, 1-800-452-1369, www.donatelifenw.org

A memorial service for Martha was held Jan. 22, 2012, at Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church. Arrangements under the direction of Davies Cremation & Burial Services, Vancouver, WA.



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