



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

IRENE GARTH WILLIS

March 15, 1932 - March 31, 2020



OBITUARY

Irene Garth Willis was born on March 15, 1932 in Adamsville, Alabama to parents Mary Walker and Emmitt Princess Garth. She passed away on March 31, 2020 in Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in Elmhurst, Illinois. She lived a life of service and encouraged her children Ella [Walter], Judy, Frederick (deceased), Calvin [Towana], Renwick [Regina], and step-son Charles to do the same.

Irene lived most of her life in Chicago, Illinois, overcoming obstacles and conquering life's hurdles. She was a faithful member of Broadview Baptist Church, and continued to be supported by her church community even after she was no longer able to attend in-person.

In addition to the children that Irene leaves behind, she will be greatly missed by her grandchildren (Daphne [Maurice], Lisa [Irvin], Monica, Adrienne [Will], Anthony [Erica], Eric [Heidi], Calvin Lamont, Marcus, Jeremy, Keith, Dezire, Fred Jr., Alexis Lamont, Shayna, Renwick Jarrett, and Royce Jordan), a host of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her beloved mom, dad, her first husband [Leroy Atkins], and late husband [Roosevelt Willis], sister [Ella Mae], son [Frederick], step-son [Roosevelt Jr], and step-daughter [Shirley].

Her legacy lives through our memories of her countless exhibits of strengths, resilience, and purpose.

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 18, 2020 at 3 pm CST/ 4 pm EST

Opening Remarks & Technical Guidance	Calvin Lamont Garth (Grandson) Renwick Jarrett Atkins (Grandson)
Welcome	Pastor Christopher Robinson, Sr.
Musical Selection (“He Will Call”) + Prayer.....	Calvin Garth (Son)
Resolution& Scripture Reading (John 3:16)	Judy Andrews (Daughter)
Poetic Tribute (Still I Rise).....	Dezire Garth (Granddaughter)
Poetic Tribute (A Grandmother Is Love)	Terisa Simpson (Gr. Granddaughter) Robyn Beyah (Gr. Granddaughter) Langston Beyah (Gr.Gr.Grandson) Amri Beyah (Gr.Gr.Grandson) Lincoln Beyah (Gr.Gr.Grandson) Jessica Wheeler (Gr. Granddaughter) Maurice Wheeler, Jr. (Gr.Grandson)
Obituary Reading & Acknowledgement.....	Renwick Atkins (Son)
Musical Selection + Photo Tribute (“I Won’t Complain”)....	Allie Bradford (Soloist) Terisa Simpson (Gr. Granddaughter) Robyn Beyah (Gr. Granddaughter) Jessica Wheeler (Gr. Granddaughter)
Eulogy	Pastor Christopher Robinson, Sr.

***Technical Directors** **Renwick Jarrett Atkins (Grandson) & Calvin Lamont Garth (Grandson)**



Acknowledgments

The family of Irene Garth Willis wishes to express sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, expressions of sympathy, and many acts of kindness extended to them in their time of bereavement, as well as for all of the love shown to their dear mother throughout her life journey. May God continue to bless each of you.



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