



Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley

November 30, 1950 - November 15, 2015

Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of her family.

Born in the Bronx, NY on November 30, 1950, Vernell was the daughter of the late Samuel Sneed and Lillian (Washington) Gardner. As a young girl, she relocated to Utica to be closer to family and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. On November 2, 1974 she wed Frank L. Lilley, Sr. with whom she shared nearly 28 years in a power-couple marriage. They had the connection, and they cared about all those they came to know — which were many! They embraced and extended an open-door policy at their home. Vernell began her working career at Sketchley Linen Company. She subsequently entered the nursing field as a CNA and an LPN devoting 28 years where she held positions at the Eden Park Nursing Home, the Loretto Utica Center, and lastly, Cedarbrook Village. Vernell was nurturing, hard-working, and she loved caring for people in need. With a smile that brightened any room and a joyful, uplifting spirit, Vernell was a blessing to all who were in her care. She was sociable and was often admired for having ‘no filter’ in getting her point across. She knew how to throw a “party” and make you laugh, but beware... she was also a ‘firecracker’ and anyone in her way felt her wrath! She was a passionate woman who loved to cook and gather with friends and loved ones to celebrate special occasions. Music moved her soul and no matter what she was doing, her songs were on. She was a “Twerk Queen” and James Brown

was her man. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and she could be heard at times “talking junk to the TV” if she disagreed! She was also a bright and bubbly bartender at various area venues where she would speak her peace and ‘point blank’. She was a member of the Harriet Tubman Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) Temple 421 and a Past Daughter Ruler of the Lodge. Vernell was a believer in her Lord and praised him. But the greatest privilege and pride of her life was being a parent to her children; she loved each and every one of them and wanted them to remain close and respect each other. Vernell will live on in the hearts of her children, grandbabies, and all her family and friends. She loved passionately and lived life well... and to the best of her ability. Rest well, Vernell.

Vernell is survived by her companion, Wayde Brown, also known as Ali Shabzz; her children, Victoria Jackson, Melissa Stiles, Frankie Lilley Jr., Michael Lilley, Demetrius Lilley, Chris Lilley, and Caroline Lilley; her many, many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She will also be held in the hearts of her sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and James Thames, Lutishia Jackson, Patricia and Demond Allen, and Elizabeth Jackson; her brothers and sister-in-law, Obie Hawkins, Lee and Linda Jackson, David Jackson, and Ernest Jackson; and her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She had a history with these good people: Rosalind Harris, Freddie McKinney, and Aunt Doreen Lacey. She was predeceased by her sisters, Shirley Jackson, and Minnie Washington; her brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Angela Jackson; and her special aunt, Alice Mann.

The family appreciated the efforts of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Room staff and the many family members and friends who called and showed love and respect for Vernell.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Vernell’s Home Going and Celebration of Life will be offered at 4:00 at the funeral home upon the conclusion of calling hours. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at

the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Stiles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Melissa Stiles - November 27, 2015 at 10:32 PM

RU

“ *Ruthieff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Ruthieff - November 24, 2015 at 06:31 PM

RS

“ *We shall keep your family in our prayers, God Bless.*

Roseann Pearson-Simmons & Stanley "Hershel Walker" Dunigan & Family

Roseann Simmons - November 21, 2015 at 08:32 AM

RA

“ *Regina Appleberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Regina Appleberry - November 21, 2015 at 05:30 AM

RA

“ *Your family is in my prayers* ”

Regina Appleberry - November 21, 2015 at 05:29 AM

ET

“ *Erika Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley* ”



Erika Thomas - November 20, 2015 at 11:58 PM

KB

“ *Katrina Boykin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley* ”



Katrina Boykin - November 20, 2015 at 04:53 PM

Anisah Lacy

“ *Anisah Lacy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley* ”



Anisah Lacy - November 20, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ *Aida Santiago Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Aida Santiago Rodriguez - November 20, 2015 at 09:48 AM

SB

“ *Susan Greene BYNUM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Susan Greene BYNUM - November 19, 2015 at 10:45 PM

EA

“ *MY heart and prayers go out to Chris, Wady and all of Vernell's family. Vernell will truly be missed but I am sure she has heaven lit right now...doing her famous booty dance and catching up with all who had gone before her....Party with the angels Vernell and dance amongst the stars as you watch over us. Love you.*



eileen austin - November 19, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *Chris boo I'm sooo sorry please know your in my heart and prayers!!! I love you girl always!!!!*



Elissa Friedlander - November 19, 2015 at 09:31 PM

DM

“ *Darlene Mutolo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Darlene Mutolo - November 19, 2015 at 09:11 PM

WW

“ *We celebrated our born days together as much as we could. ...let alone the get togethers she gave I'm goin to miss her nd yes HE has gained another Angel ...love you Nell ...may she RIP*



Wendy Warren - November 19, 2015 at 07:36 PM

SZ

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of Vernell from our Loretto days. My thoughts and prayers for her family.*

susan zdanowicz - November 19, 2015 at 07:27 PM

CF

“ *Calvin And Phyllis French lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Calvin and Phyllis French - November 19, 2015 at 06:02 PM

VJ

“ Vanessa Jones/Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Vanessa Jones/Family - November 19, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ Rest In Peace. Eleanor(Lois)Steele - McDonald



Eleanor McDonald - November 19, 2015 at 05:16 PM

CF

“ Sorry for the family loss. Praying for the family



Connie Fariello - November 19, 2015 at 04:15 PM

G(

“ Truly a wonderful who's love of life will surly be missed.....Condolences to all that are grieving Vernell. (The Love Seat)

Gail Robinson (Banks) - November 19, 2015 at 04:15 PM

TS

“ *My Condolences to your family from mine....
Praying for you all.*



Tamara Sampson - November 19, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ *Prayers for the family*



Dorothy Holloway - November 19, 2015 at 03:09 PM

RG

“ *Rosetta Griffin-mann lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley*



Rosetta Griffin-mann - November 19, 2015 at 01:55 PM

DW

“ *Condolences to the family*

Dawn Winston - November 19, 2015 at 12:53 PM

DW

“ Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Dawn Winston - November 19, 2015 at 12:52 PM

CM

“ Rest in Peace your work down here is done. I will miss that smile.

Carolyn Moore-Bivens - November 19, 2015 at 12:47 PM



Patricia Parrish-Jackson

“ Patricia Parrish-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Patricia Parrish-Jackson - November 19, 2015 at 12:36 PM



Patricia Parrish-

One of the most caring and funniest people I have ever known. Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you.

Patricia Parrish-Jackson - November 19, 2015 at 12:38 PM



Alicia Harvey

“ Alicia Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Alicia Harvey - November 19, 2015 at 12:33 PM

S2

“ Shedogg 2004 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Shedogg 2004 - November 19, 2015 at 05:38 AM

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“ Shedogg 2004 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Shedogg 2004 - November 19, 2015 at 05:38 AM

SB

R.I.P Vernell

Susan Greene BYNUM - November 19, 2015 at 11:39 AM

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“ Shedogg 2004 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Shedogg 2004 - November 19, 2015 at 05:38 AM

NI

“ Rest in Paradise Vernell. You will be truly missed. And will you please Give my grandmother a big hug for me. She adored you.



nita - November 18, 2015 at 11:49 PM

DF

You will be truly missed. RIH Angel.

Denise fenimore - November 19, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ Crystal Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Crystal Lewis - November 18, 2015 at 10:38 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Walawnder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Jennifer walawnder - November 18, 2015 at 04:59 PM

RW

“ Roseann Walawender lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Roseann Walawender - November 18, 2015 at 02:20 PM

ML

“ Michael. Lilley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernell (Washington) Lilley



Michael. Lilley - November 18, 2015 at 01:18 PM