

# CELEBRATION of Life

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Viewing 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Service 10:00 AM

G. CHOICE FUNERAL CHAPEL

2530 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132

## ORDER of Service

Officiant: Reverend Gilbert Kinsey

Procession ..... Clergy & Family

Final Viewing and Closing of the Bier

Hymn of Comfort: "Speak to My Heart" by Donnie McClurkin

Prayer

Selection: "Something About the Name Jesus" by Kirk Franklin

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

New Testament: John 14:1-4

The Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks (2 minute limit)

Selection: "Better Days" by Dianne Reeves

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Benediction & Recession

### - INTERMENT -

Private

### - REPAST -

Marie Dendy Recreation Center

(10<sup>th</sup> & Oxford St.) 1555 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

## SHE WAS A SWEET SOUL

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remember all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes, we're together again.

In Loving Memory of

# IRIS KITCHEN

## "Shorty"

May 5, 1948 -

July 13, 2023

## - ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -

Our Family wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us during this hour of bereavement. We are truly blessed to have loving family and friends. May God bless each of you.



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# Iris' Life Story

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27, 1 & 14*

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Iris Kitchen affectionately known as "Shorty" unexpectedly {ascended} to meet her heavenly Father. Iris was born on May 5, 1948, to Clarence and Gustine Bredell in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. She was a caring mother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and her favorite role of all, grandmother/great-grandmother.

Iris was one of the sweetest most kind-hearted people you could ever meet, she wore a smile that could light up the room. She was affectionately called mom and grandmom by outside friends.

Her grandchildren were the joy of her life. She took great pride in spending time with them and spoiling them. Iris enjoyed playing silly games with them, listening to music, knowing all their personalities and needs. Making the family laugh by saying "I swear to beans" when upset or telling the kids "I'll bust you up". Her smile was radiant, and laughter was contagious.

Iris "Shorty" was the proud mother of 4 children, Stephanie Bredell, David Kitchen, Timothy Kitchen, and Michelle Luciano. She had 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Siblings, Sisters: Yvonne McClendon, Mary Paris, Nancy Perry, Ernestine Beamon (deceased), Patricia Jackson. Brothers: Clarence Bredell, II, Kelvin Lloyd, Chris Lloyd and a host of beloved nieces and nephews. Iris's greatest love was her family, and close friends but she unselfishly, unconditionally loved all her grandchildren the most.

Tina will always be described as an extraordinary woman, not simply by the literal definition. The "extra" in extraordinary was shown in her extra kind and humble spirit. The "ordinary" was her ability to make any triumph or challenge in life seem like an ordinary thing. No matter what she encountered in life, she overcame it with grace and faith.

Leaving to cherish her memory are her husband Vincent Broadnax; her son James Thornton and daughter-in-law Danyelle Thornton; granddaughter Cameryn Thornton; siblings Margaret Jones, Cathy Thornton, Constance Stewart, Steven Holmes, Peter Holmes, and Terrence Holmes; in-laws Rachel and Leslie Etienne, Cherle and Clifford Robinson, Patricia Broadnax, and Steven and Linda Broadnax; Sister-in-law, Malinda Thornton; Brother-in-law Paul Jones; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and friends.

Through and through, Tina was an exceptional individual who was loved by so many and will be deeply missed. God has called her home, but she leaves behind a strong legacy. Rest well, Ernestine. You will be missed by many.

*We Love You Eternally, Your Family*

