



HONORING THE MEMORY & LIFE OF
“Momma Merl”

Sunrise
January 24, 1959

Sunset
November 15, 2022

Mereline Duncan

Services Held At:

Olivet Institutional Baptist Church
2013 North 7th Street ~ Kansas City, Kansas 66101
Saturday, December 3, 2022 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Stevie A. Wakes, Officiating



**If Only You Could
Of Stayed**

**Constantly thinking,
never to be the same,
the tears fall quickly
just hearing your name.**

**Silence is golden
yet not anymore
silence brings thoughts
I just can't ignore.**

**The nights are sleepless,
dreams out of reach.
Crying in my pillow
to you I beseech.**

**Surrounded by family,
I still feel alone.
My heart is so empty,
this pain I must own.**

**I wish I could hug you
and just see your face.
But now I have memories
to stand in your place.**

**Gone but not forgotten,
that's what they say.
Of course that is true...
but if only you could of
stayed.**

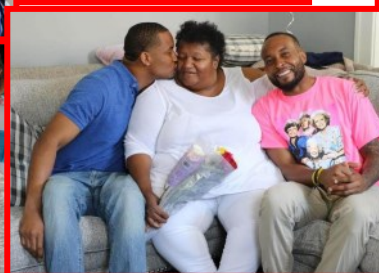
**OUR
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Reflections of Her Life

On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Mereline Duncan, a beloved mother, passed away. She was born on January 24, 1959, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the union of George D. Duncan Sr., and Beulah M. (McDonald) Duncan.

In her childhood, she attended Father Benedict Justice, formerly known as, Annunciation Holy Names, and University of Islam. She loved the exposure to various religions, as it taught her self-discipline, love, and forgiveness very early in life. Mereline would go on to attend Central Middle School and graduate from Central High School as a "Mighty Blue Eagle" Class of 1978. She went on to attend Pioneer and Penn Valley Community Colleges where she studied Business Administration.

At an early age, she had a calling to help others and volunteered at a family group home assisting mentally handicapped individuals. She was a talented writer and used her gifts to screen write plays to raise funds for the less fortunate. Her love for helping the mentally ill would lead her to a 30+ year career with the State of Missouri (Western Missouri Mental Health Center) as a Psychiatric Technician II, where she also served as Vice President of her Union (AFSCME) for several years, up until she retired. She was a recipient of multiple community activist awards for her voluntary efforts with several organizations such as, Project Neighborly Needs, MACCA (Muslim American Cultural & Arts Association), SAC 20, PAC 20, GYRL, and more.

Mereline enjoyed nothing more than being a parent to her three children, La'Keisha, Dontaè, and Hilton. She dedicated her entire adult life to making sure they wanted for nothing and making sure she was always there for them. She loved boasting about their accomplishments to whomever would listen. She was also a proud grandmother of four beautiful granddaughters, Tityana, Tamia, Kenya, and Nevaeh, who assigned her the nickname, "Sugar Momma" because she was so sweet and loving.

She was compassionate with a huge heart that she constantly shared with others. Her family, friends, co-workers, and associates, adored her vivacious spirit, sweet voice, peaceful aura and will miss her dearly. She was a one-of-a-kind, genuine, selfless person, always seeing the best in people. If she loved you there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for you.

In Mereline's youth you could probably find her on a basketball court embarrassing the boys, earning her the nickname "Lemon" from leaving her opponents with sour faces. If she wasn't on the blacktop wowing bystanders with her silky moves, she could be found hitting G10 notes like Georgia Brown with her singing group "The Future's" with baby sister, Sharlene. "Merl the Pearl", as she was affectionately nicknamed by the ones who knew her best, loved dancing with her family members, as they went by the moniker, "Two Stepping Duncan's" when they attended gatherings. She loved having a good time and enjoyed hosting parties that brought her entire family together. She was upbeat, witty, and a true believer in God and walked by faith sharing her life testimony to encourage people to not to give up on themselves.

Mereline was preceded in death by both parents; brothers, Roosevelt D. Duncan, James E. Duncan, Nathaniel Black Sr., and William Black Jr.; sisters, Mildrew Brown-Wafer and Gloria Burton;

She is survived by her children, daughter, La'Keisha D. Williams; special daughter, Annette Flowers; sons, Dontaè Malray, and Hilton Horne II; brothers, Leon Pierceson, Seattle, WA, George Duncan Jr., Samuel Duncan, both of Little Rock, AR, Gregory Williams (Vater), Grand Prairie, TX, Steven Williams, Michael Duncan (Terry) both of Seattle, WA, Bennie Duncan (Cassandra), and Lamont Jackson; sisters, Gearldine Duncan, Seattle, WA, Sharlene Duncan-Burris (Alphonso), Lauraqueta Collins, and Monica Jones, four grandchildren, and a host of favorite nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Processional

Clergy & Family

Crowning Ceremony

Golden Gate

Prayer

Bishop Townsend Barnet

Old & New Testament

Rev. Mary E. Hancock

Selection

OIBC Praise

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Yvonne Welch

Life Reflections

Video Presentation

Special Tribute

Pat Clarke & Family

Remembering "Merl the Pearl"

*Family & Friends
Two (2) Minutes Please*

Selection

ShaunQuinta Williams

Music Selection

*Pastor Stevie A. Wakes
& OIBC Praise*

Words of Comfort

Pastor Stevie A. Wakes

Benediction

Recessional

~ Interment ~

Brooking Cemetery

10004 East 53rd Street, Raytown, Missouri 64133



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Acknowledgement

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Mereline Duncan. May God Bless You and Keep you.

Pallbearers

Aaron Saunders

Michael Smith

Davion Jones

Monterrio Brown

Ja'Qwan Brown

Dyron Goode

Honorary Pallbearers

Ken Wafer

Marvin Black

Felix Derousselle

Marvin Russell

Alvin Brown

Bennie Duncan

Damon Brown

"God, grant me the Serenity,

To accept the things I cannot change,

Courage to change the things I can,

And Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,

Enjoying one moment at a time,

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace,

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,

Not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right

If I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,

And supremely happy with him

forever in the next."

Amen



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:
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"A Service Designed. . ."With You In Mind!