

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

honoring

Nancy Loretta Lester

Saturday, July 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Historic Mount Zion A.M.E. Church
201 East Beaver Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Reverend Pearce Ewing, Sr., Pastor



Obituary

Mrs. Nancy Loretta Purifoy Lester was born on October 1, 1937 to Mr. L.C. Purifoy and Mrs. Sue Etta Jackson in Marion Junction Alabama. On Wednesday, July 18, 2018, God dispatched an angel to escort his servant home.

Nancy was educated in the Putnam County Public Schools and after completion, she relocated to Jacksonville Florida. Shortly after, she met and married Fred Lester. To this union, two children were born.

She was a devoted Christian who recently confirmed her faith by accepting salvation of the Lord and being baptized in His name.

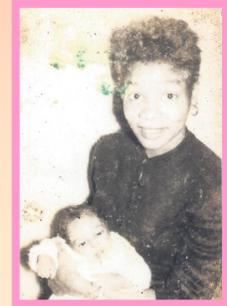
She held numerous positions serving the local community; the food service industry, domestic help, and in-home health care being her niches. She had a deep passion for cooking and enjoyed gardening.

Nancy was preceded in death by her mother and father; siblings, L.C. Purifoy, Jr., K.C. Purifoy, James Purifoy, Jean Darr, Collie Purifoy, Essie Lee Purifoy, and Emma Purifoy; and granddaughter, Temeka Brown. She leaves to cherish memories: her husband, Fred Lester; a loving son, Gregg Lester (Karen); a loving daughter, Belinda Garmany; caring brother, Earnest Purifoy (Theodosia); granddaughters, Sinadia Gailyard, Ashley Lester, Shauna Gailyard, and Shanice Lester; grandsons, Gregg Lester, Jr., Sidney Gailyard, Andre Akoni (Timesha), and Dallas Garmany; great grandsons, Markahl Royal and Bryan Turner, Jr.; great granddaughters, Ashanti Watson, Zariah Gailyard, and Austyn Gailyard; and a host of nieces and nephews and close friends.

.... *Just Nancy*



I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



The Order of Service

THE PROCESSIONAL *Soon and Very Soon*

THE HYMN *Blessed Assurance*

THE INVOCATION **Bishop Antonio Richardson**
New Life Evangelistic Center

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **Reverend Marcius O. King**
Psalm 23

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **Reverend Aaron Mitchell**
John 14:1-4 *Northside Community Church*

THE SOLO *I Won't Complain* **Ms. Keisha Muldrow**

THE REFLECTIONS *(Three minutes each)*

Mrs. Ethel Vaughan *(Sister-in-Law)* **Mrs. Joan Lester Jones** *(Sister-in-Law)*
Ms. Nancy Purifoy *(Niece)* **Mrs. Karen Lester** *(Daughter-in-Law)*

THE SELECTION *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*..... **Mount Zion Choir**

THE RESOLUTION **Ms. Karen Jones**

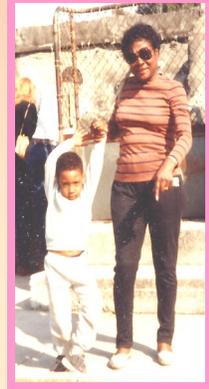
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS **Ms. Sinadia Gailyard** *(Granddaughter)*

THE SOLO *I Know I've Been Changed*..... **Ms. Toni Durham** *(Niece)*

THE WORDS OF COMFORT **Reverend Pearce Ewing, Sr.**

THE RECESSIONAL *I'll Fly Away*





Pallbearers

**Sidney Gailyard
Eugene King
Joseph Slaughter**

**Dallas Garmany
Jeffery McGriff
Melvin Wilson, Jr.**

Flower Attendants

Stewardesses and Ushers

Acknowledgement

The family of ***Nancy Loretta Lester***
extends sincere appreciation for all acts of
kindness rendered during our season of bereavement.
May God continue to *smile* on each of you,
for you have certainly been a source of
strength and support for us.

Arrangements

FUNERALS BY T. S. WARDEN
4315 North Main Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Interment

JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY
4083 Lannie Road | Jacksonville, Florida 32218

