



Obituary

Born: Thursday, December 6, 1956

Died: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Lena Louise Barber King was born on December 6, 1956, to parents Richard & Jeanne Barber in Chicago, IL. She returned to her heavenly home on February 7, 2019, after a valiant battle with a wide assortment of ailments.

Lena dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized as a young child. Being raised by her grandmother, Reverend Hiola Barber, it was her destiny to become an Evangelist. Lena married her best friend and longtime love, Charles Joseph King, on August 17, 1991.

Lena loved making arts and crafts, listening to Billie Holiday, decorating, swimming, shopping, fishing, traveling and was the ultimate “foodie.” Most of all she loved serving those in need and spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren as she was affectionately known as Grandma Pooh.

Service Summary

Memorial Service

10:00 AM Fri Feb 15, 2019

Second Baptist Church

156 South Joliet Street
Joliet, Illinois 60433

Lena could often be heard saying she was born to serve Jesus with her whole heart. She strived to be a living example of her favorite Bible verse, 1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV—
“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

Lena was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mager & Hiola Barber, her parents Richard & Jeanne Barber Sr., her aunt and uncle Robert and LaVania Gooden, and her brother Richard Barber Jr, brothers-in-law, Fredrick King, Kevin King, Nelson King, and Rocky King.

Left to cherish her memory, Lena is survived by husband Charles J. King, stepmother, Hazel Stewart, children, DeJuan Chandler (LeShundra), Jason Chandler, Niya King, Michelle Atkinson, Pastor Tonya Davis (Gary), Jimmy Fulleros, Anntonette D. King-Smith (Bruce), Francesca “Frank” King, grandchildren, Jerard, Jaylen, Peyton, Isabella, Lorraine, Yuri, Scarlett, Bria, Kiarra, Tiarra, Jonas, Kaylie, Tre, Camille, Galen, Tianna, Leland, great-grandchildren, Brielle, Harmoni, siblings, Marion Masood, Bonita Robinson, Sharon Stewart, Brenda Stewart, Ronald Mills, sisters-in-law, Eola King, Kim King, Fannie King, brothers-in-law, Jeffery (Sarah) King, Roger (Lucille) King, Gary (Yolanda) King, David King, cousins Hiola Alston, James Tillman III, Dorrence Hayden, special friends, Beverly Sims, Linda Anglin, Lula Morris, godson, Mason Simpson and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.