

*Celebrating the Life
of
Lela Beatrice Haywood DeLaine*

*Sunrise
June 12, 1927*

*Sunset
December 5, 2020*

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Viewing - 10:00 a.m.

Service - 11:00 a.m.

Third Street Church of God

1204 Third Street, Northwest

Washington, DC 20001

Reverend Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders, Senior Pastor

Lela Beatrice Haywood De Laine

Lela Beatrice Haywood De Laine, third daughter of Nicholas Leonard and Katie Magnolia Jones Haywood, was born in High Point, North Carolina. She completed her earthly journey on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Lela's early childhood was spent in High Point, NC. She was a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church where her father was a Deacon Board member. While she was still very young, her family moved to Raleigh, NC. **Lela** attended George Washington Elementary and Middle School, and later a private high school, Mary Potter High, in Oxford, NC. **Lela's** mother taught her to play the piano, and during her teen years and until she moved from Raleigh, **Lela** was Pianist for Tupper Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. After her graduation from Mary Potter, she attended Shaw University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

It was during high school that Lela had met **Clarence Andy De Laine**, who became the love of her life, and they dated for several years. **Clarence**, after a U.S. Army tour of duty, moved to Washington, DC in search of employment. After accepting a position at General Services Administration, he returned to Raleigh and married his childhood sweetheart, **Lela**, on Christmas Eve, 1951. Before their marriage, **Lela** was an elementary school teacher in the Wake County, NC Public School system. After their wedding, they moved to the Washington, DC metro area where they made their home. To this union, one son, Clarence, Jr. was born, the light of their lives. **Lela** and Clarence also adopted **Lela's** niece, Cheryl Dove, and raised her as their daughter.

Lela taught in Calvert County, MD Public Schools from 1959 to 1963. She began teaching at Capital Heights Elementary School (Prince Georges County) in 1963 where she remained until her retirement in 1990.

In the early 1970s, **Lela** and Clarence became devoted members of Second Church of God (affectionately referred to by many as "1530 Church of God") Her brother-in-law, Everett De Laine was Pianist; and Elder Robert L Key was Pastor. In later years, two additional brothers-in-law became members, Rev. Wilbert H. De Laine serving as Pastor, and Dr. Thomas De Laine. **Lela** held a variety of leadership positions at Second Church. She was Chairperson, Board of Christian Endeavor, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and "honorary" Director of Children's Programs and Activities. For many years, she faithfully spearheaded and organized countless Christmas and Easter dramas. She also developed a Promotion Award Celebration to recognize the academic achievements and grade promotions of the children of the church.

Lela was an incredible artist who especially enjoyed painting. She created beautiful works of art over the years, continuing to paint even through her struggles with Essential Tremor. She also loved to sing, notably Gospel/Hymns. No matter where she was, (in private places or not), she would join in the choruses whenever she heard a familiar song. She loved to travel and frequently attended church conventions such as The Ushers conventions. She was a regular attendee at family reunions on all sides of the family including The De Laine Family National Organization, Jones-Weston-Robinson Family, etc..

Affectionately known as "Aunt Sweetie" or "Sweetie" by family and friends, Lela was soft-spoken and compassionate. She fully revealed her loyal service to God and Christian character by her tremendous eternal offering of love for all, but especially for family.

Tender care was part of her core and was revealed fully and extraordinarily during the illnesses of the love of her life, her husband, Clarence. **Lela** was a very devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother who took great pride in the accomplishments of her son and grandsons. She was also very dedicated to her nieces and nephews, and they loved her dearly in return.

Lela is survived by her devoted son, Clarence, Jr. (Valerie); two grandsons, Bryan and Benjamin; four sisters-in-law, Rosia De Laine Butler, Viola De Laine Hollis, Anna Boyd De Laine, A. Lois De Laine; one niece, Cheryl Colbert (Lawee) one nephew, William Allen; 11 great-nieces and nephews; 20 great-great nieces and nephews; 18 great-great-great nieces and nephews; 14 great-great-great-great nieces and nephews; other loving relatives and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders, Officiating

- Prelude**
- Processional**..... Clergy
- Hymn of Comfort** “All in Jesus”
Mrs. Elianna Townsend
- The Holy Scriptures:** Old Testament - Psalms 46:1-7Mrs. Francine Cox Daniels
New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Deacon Don Lampton
Second Church of God
- Prayer of Comfort**Reverend Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders
- Musical Selection** “On Eagle’s Wings”
Mrs. Elianna Townsend
- Tributes**.....(Two minutes please)
Mrs. Yvonne Hood -- The Ushers, Second Church of God
Mr. Clarence A. De Laine, Jr. -- Son
- Acknowledgements & Church Letter**Mrs. Joyce Williams
Second Church of God
- Obituary (Read Silently)**“Grace”
(by Quincy Jones)
- Musical Selection** “My Help”
Mrs. Elianna Townsend
Accompanied by Madame Wanda Zambrana
- The Eulogy**Elder Craig B. Key, Sr.
Lead Pastor, Second Church of God
- Benediction**
- Recessional** ”When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

December 29, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.
Veterans Cemetery
Cheltenham, Maryland