



Ms. Laurietta Merck

June 5, 1942 - November 29, 2024

Heyyy Baaaaby,

I was born to the union of Charles and Mamie Merck in Detroit, MI, on June 5, 1942, whom both preceded me in death. Both of my brothers, William “Billy”, Harold and my sister Priscilla also preceded me in death. I was raised on the eastside in the area affectionately known as black bottom. I was educated through the Detroit public school system where I finished at Northwestern High School in 1960. I grew up in the heart of the Motor City where I cultivated my enduring values of hard work, compassion, and resilience.

Loretta dedicated her life to the lord at very young age where she was baptized at Warren Avenue Baptist church. She continued her spiritual journey in her later years as a member of the Mother Board at Bible way church of God and Christ. “Lo” was a woman of remarkable strength and grace, known for her unwavering dedication and loyalty to her family and friends. You could typically find her multitasking with a cup of coffee in one hand, a cigarette in the other, all while holding a conversation on the phone. We all know the phone conversation stops at 8pm when her wrestling came on!

She had a special place in her heart for gambling including frequent trips to the bingo halls. We knew when she would hit big because she would call you and say, “I got something for you, it isn’t a lot, but I got something for you.” Her warmth and kindness touched everyone she met. But you would know if she didn’t like you! She wouldn’t bite her tongue for nobody!

She leaves to cherish her loving memory three children; Donetta “Dee,” Tracy

(Carleton), and Brandon (Tiffany), and a bonus daughter Linda, five grandchildren; Terrell "Rell," Kevin "Kev," Kiaisha "Ki," Micah, and Braydon "Baby B," two great-grandchildren; Jaxon and Aria, two nephew-sons; Tommie "Tee," and Charles "Kevin," and a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends whom she affectionately called "Baby."

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Dec. **6.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
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Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **7.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Saturday, Dec. **7.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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