



Trudy Starnes Wormwood

May 31, 1951 - December 4, 2020

Trudy Starnes Wormwood peacefully departed this earthly life and earned her wings to join our heavenly father on December 4, 2020 at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center.

Born in Winston-Salem, NC on May 31, 1951 to the union of Willie J. Starnes and Ada Mae Carelock Starnes, Trudy matriculated through the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools. Trudy was one of two black students who attended Parkland High School prior to the desegregation of schools in Winston-Salem and ultimately graduated from Simon G. Atkins High School, Class of 1969.

While enrolled at Atkins High School, she also attended Bennett College to begin her college studies. Trudy was an artist at heart, a believer of Jesus Christ, and a lover of family. She attended Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, CA, the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC, and was the first black female stage designer for the Stevens Center, affiliated with the School of the Arts.

She was passionate about art in all its forms and was most proud of her time as a member with the Otesha Dance and Music Ensemble in the early 1980s. Her love for music was one of her favorite pastimes, and showed up in the sweetest moments, whether through listening to her wide collection of Jazz Albums or teaching her grandchildren and great grandchildren how to play one of her many drums during their visits. Above all she placed her faith in Jesus Christ, whom she loved deeply, studied often, and wrote about her

personal relationship with him. For a number of years, she was a long standing member and leader of the Audio/Visual Team at Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. B. F. Daniels. Trudy was an ordained Minister and has been a member of Images of God Outreach Center since 2015 and served as the Secretary to Pastors Antonio and Belva Spillman. Her greatest joy was found in spending time with her mother, Ada Mae Starnes, and her only child, Shaun Starnes. In addition to her father: Willie J. Starnes, she was preceded in her death by her brother: Woody Starnes.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother: Ada Mae Starnes; her only child: Shaun (Darlene) Starnes; loving and devoted grandchildren: Tavarus Starnes, D'Andre (Maliquea) Starnes, and the twins Tavonte' Starnes and Desirae' Starnes; great-grandchildren: Destini Starnes, Calix Starnes, Camryn Starnes, and Cyler Starnes; brothers: Curtis Starnes and Glenn (Sendra) Starnes, Sr., sisters: Odessa (Bruce) Martin and Lisa (Bobby) Ellison; nieces and nephews: Christian "Nikki" Starnes, Chrishna "Janae" Starnes, Glenn Starnes II, David Moore II, Joy Martin, Eric Moore, and Brandon Starnes; special friends: Eugene and Vanessa Thompson; and a host of special cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will conduct a Celebration of Life at a later date. The immediate family can be contacted at and expressions of love can be sent via email to Shaun Starnes at starnes6@gmail.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Gilmore Funeral Memorial Services (GILMORE).

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ *Trudy was a very sweet and special person. She was always kind, soft spoken, encouraging, and never had anything but uplifting words about everyone. Her gentle sweet spirit will truly be missed. We shared some uplifting times at Union Baptist Church. We offer our deepest condolences to the family. Gloria Jackson, Ben and Vicki Jackson, and Family*

Gloria Jackson - February 03, 2021 at 09:46 AM

LB

“ *Ms Wormwood was the sweetest woman. So kind and soft spoken. I was honored to know her. I am truly going to miss that sweet spirit, but I know she is Praising the Lord right now. My prayers to Shaun and the family. God bless you all. Lydia Boyd, Social Worker DSS.*



Lydia Boyd - December 30, 2020 at 09:00 AM

LE

“ *Lisa Ellison lit a candle in memory of Trudy Starnes Wormwood*



Lisa Ellison - December 16, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Carelock lit a candle in memory of Trudy Starnes Wormwood*



Brenda Carelock - December 16, 2020 at 02:14 PM

FG

“ *To the family of Trudy, Trudy, it's been a long, long time. Growing up in Belview/Manhattan was so long ago. Our paths went different ways; but, I see you lived a very blessed and prosperous life. To those you leave, please cherish the good times and the wonderful moments you lived with Trudy. May God continue to bless each of you. A long time friend and former resident of the Belview Community.*



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FANNETTA H GORE - December 12, 2020 at 11:57 PM

PR

“ *Bennette and I want to send our heartfelt condolences to Shaun, Darlene, and the entire family.*



Trudy was an incredible warm spirit that always wanted to see everyone around her smile and feel better. She was a part of our lives even before we moved to NC. And once we did move here, she always treated me, Bennette and the kids as if we were her kids just as she did Shaun and Darlene. She was always excited about doing things for others. Like the time years ago when we were searching for another place to live and she convinced her husband to let us lease their home. And while to some that may not sound like much, it meant the world to me, Bennette, and the kids. Because during that time, we had just moved here to NC and with no established rental references, here in the state, it was difficult trying to find a place big enough to accommodate a family of seven on our budget. We managed to lease a two bedroom apartment that wasn't big enough for our entire family so we had to temporarily split up our family. So Trudy's very warm generous heart was a blessing to and for us, as her decision to let us lease her house gave us the space we needed to get out of that apartment and bring our family together under one roof. We thank God for allowing us the opportunity to know and spend time with her, and we pray God's grace and mercy over Shaun, Darlene, and the family.

Patrick & Bennette Roberson - December 12, 2020 at 10:23 AM