



## Lydia "Sweet Child" Pride Roberts

August 4, 1931 - June 5, 2016

∞ LYDIA LETITIA PRIDE ROBERTS ∞

LYDIA LETITIA PRIDE ROBERTS WAS BORN 8-4-31 IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA TO THE LATE VANESTER AND VIOLA PRIDE. SHE GRADUATED FROM JONES HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA. SHE ALSO ATTENDED HAMPTON UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE MET HER FUTURE HUSBAND, ERNEST EDWARD ROBERTS WHO HAILED FROM ST. LOUIS MISSOURI. AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMY AS A NURSE IN THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORP (WAC). ERNEST AND LYDIA BECAME HUSBAND AND WIFE IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SOON THEREAFTER, THE COUPLE MOVED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THEY HAD FIVE CHILDREN, KEITH (DECEASED), GAIL, MICHEAL, RICHARD AND EUGENIA. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN 1965. LYDIA BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE AND EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING. SHE SERVED AS RECORDING SECRETARY FOR THE CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION. SHE ALSO JOINED THE NURSING SORORITY CHI ETA PHI. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL CME CHURCH IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. SHE EVENTUALLY RETIRED TO TAMPA, FLORIDA WHERE SHE ATTENDED ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE TRANSISTED ON THE SUNDAY

AFTERNOON OF JUNE, 5, 2016. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP HER ALWAYS!!!

SHE WILL SORELY BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

# Previous Events

## Homegoing Celebration

JUN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Zion Missionary Institutional Baptist church  
535 W. Washington Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Soror Pam Williams. Iota Chi Chi Flint lit a candle in memory of Lydia "Sweet Child" Pride Roberts



Soror Pam Williams. Iota Chi Chi Flint - June 24, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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“ May God bless and keep your family. Know that your Sisters from Alpha Eta have missed you but now you have peace in your heavenly home. Soror Constance Daniels

Constance Daniels - June 10, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ A Life Loved Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Lydia "Sweet Child" Pride Roberts.



June 09, 2016 at 09:57 AM

SP

“ God has called home a virtuous woman who he blessed with a beautiful soul and a sweet spirit. Rest in peace Aunt Lydia until we meet again in heaven.  
Love Reggie & Sharon Pride



Sharon Pride - June 08, 2016 at 01:39 PM

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“ Dear Mother,

*Words can't express the "Love and Admiration" that we have for you. You have been an exemplary example of a Mother who loves and believes in her children. Your being a role model, having compassion, and a desire for us to succeed has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate the fact that you have sacrificed for us and have been a phenomenal woman in all avenues of life. We will sorely miss your smile, sense of humor and most of all your understanding. You also instilled in us to importance of having the tenacity to never give up. I recall you telling us that "there will always be ups and downs in life, it is how you deal with those circumstances that matter". So until we meet again behind the pearly gates of heaven. We will always remember and respect the legacy and memory that you privilege to say that Lydia Letitia Pride Roberts is our Mother. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS!!! Thank you.*



*Submitted With Love,  
From Your Children*

*Keith, Gail, Michael, Richard and Eugenia*

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**Richard B. Roberts** - June 08, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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“ Ronald & Zelma Pride purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of Lydia "Sweet Child" Pride Roberts.



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**Ronald & Zelma Pride** - June 08, 2016 at 07:38 AM