

"FOR WANDA"

Daughter, Sister, Mother, Teacher
Caregiver, Strong black woman

"But yall want me to tell you something",
she had a Heart of Gold
She raised her daughters.

She taught them about strength and courage.

She nurtured the little ones. The village took them, they were fine.

She took care of those in the village.

She traveled and loved her family.

The time came where she couldn't help anyone anymore.

God protected her family.

Then peace was over her and she now lives in a new home.

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Celebration of Life



WANDA YVONNE HOCKETT

July 30, 1961 - June 13, 2021

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Wanda's Heart

As we gather here today to celebrate the life of Wanda Yvonne Hockett, we come with memories of her kind and loving heart, her no-nonsense attitude, and her love of fellowship and laughter. She died the way she lived, with a warm, home-cooked meal in her belly and her best friends close beside her.

Wanda's heart was so big and full of love for all of those around her. She loved her family, both those of her blood and those she adopted into her family. Her time was spent with daughters and sons, aunts and uncles, grandchildren and cousins, and beloved sisters, brothers, and friends. She was happiest when she was surrounded by those her heart loved most. Each and every person in her life was special to her in a unique way no matter the ups and downs they faced together.

As we remember Wanda and honor the heart that had a place for all of us, let us remember the good times. The laughter; the gatherings full of food, family and friends; the trips spent making memories and enjoying new experiences; the times when her words of wisdom helped start us in a new and better direction. Let us remember her open doors and her open arms; her good home-cooking and her skill at cards. Let us remember her love for ratchet TV shows, stand up comedy, and Lifetime movies. But most of all, let us remember the time she spent talking to us, spending time with us, and loving us.

**If you ever question what a relationship with Jesus is like, just think,
"What Would Wanda Do?"**

- She would argue with you and love you through it all.
- She would roll her eyes at your ignorance and smile at you the next minute.
- She would tell you to get your life together and extend her grace in the same breath.
- She would say she's done with you but call you the next day like nothing ever happened.
- She would blow up your phone if she hadn't heard from you just to check in and remind you of her presence.
- She would stand up for you against ANYONE trying to hurt you or cause you pain.
- She loved you UNCONDITIONALLY!!

She had to go ahead of us so she could pull some strings on our behalf from the other side.

Remember, she may be gone, but her heart is still beating strong for us from up above.

Until we meet again...Ebony (Hockett) Phillips

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The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, the visits, the telephone calls, the food and the cheerful and friendly, hugs and smiles shown our family during this time. May God continue to bless your hearts.

Special Thanks to her Aunt Arlene "Auntie" Stewart and loving friends, Angela Haynes and Mary Hyde for their Love, Care and Support shown during this time.

~ The Family ~



INTERMENT

will be at a later date at:
Gladeville Cemetery
Odum Lane · Lebanon, TN

We Miss You Mum

*We awake each morning to start a new day,
But the pain of losing you never goes away.
We go about the things we have to do;
And as the hours pass, we think again of you.
We want to call you and just hear your voice,
Then we remember that we have no choice.
For you are not there and now our heart cries,
Just to see you again to tell you goodbye.
To say Mum we love you and we always will,
And hope that much of you, in us you've instilled.
The day that you left, we just didn't know,
That you were going where we couldn't go.
And now all our memories of you are so dear,
But gosh, how we miss you and wish you were here.
Who now can hear when we need to cry?
It is so hard to tell you, "Mum goodbye".
Someday we know all will be well,
And we'll see you again with stories to tell.
Of how you were missed and how we have grown,
And how good it is to finally be home.
Until then our memories of you we'll keep near,
And we'll pass them on to those who are dear.*

Latisha, Ebony, Leyanne, Tonisha and Marco

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF WANDA YVONNE HOCKETT

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Wanda Yvonne Hockett was the second child of five children born to the late Douglas Hockett Jr. and Zollie Hockett. She was born and raised in the Hermitage area where she spent her childhood running wild and free with her brothers and sisters.

Wanda was baptized at an early age at Evans Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Wanda received her diploma from McGavock High School and later graduated from Tennessee State University. She spent her life working as a caregiver in various capacities. She was loved and respected by both her colleagues and her clients.

Affectionately known to family and friends as "Ms. Wanda," she loved spending her time with family, playing cards, cuttin' up with her friends, and cooking delicious home cooked meals that would have her home filled with willing eaters. She also enjoyed traveling and shopping for things she didn't need with Auntie, her partner in crime.

Wanda's doors were always open to those who needed the warmth and love that she freely offered to all, whether you were family by blood or by choice, there was always a place for you; a safe haven for those facing hard times.

She leaves to cherish her memory, daughters: Latisha Smith, Ebony Phillips, Leyanne King and Tonisha Lewis; son, Marco Lewis and god-daughter, Jessica Henegar; grandchildren: Elijah and Isaiah Lewis, Wandasia Wilson, Nivea Gibson, and Layla (Butta) and Lebron Wells; her loving siblings: Sharon Hockett, James Hockett, Dorothy (Samuel Jr.) Hambrick, and Reginald Hockett, as well as little sister/cousin, Conswella Watkins; a host of aunts and uncles; great uncle, Eugene (Merdine) Talley; great aunt, Nancy Word; uncles: Zelander Hockett and Dewey (Zelma) Hockett; aunts: Arlene Stewart, Dorothy (Randall) Houston, Joyce Hardy, Maidine Hardison and Tinita Word; nieces and nephews: Kayla Hockett, Breona and Victor Shute; as well as great nieces and nephews: Kaiden, Kyler, and Khloe Hockett. She also leaves behind a devoted cousin, Traci Hockett, and friends: Mary Hyde and Angela Haynes. She also leaves behind a number of family and friends who love her dearly.

