

**Celebrating the Life
of**
Renée Annette Lowery

December 19, 1948 – January 20, 2021



Friday, February 5, 2021

Family Hour: 11:00 a.m.

Service: 12:00 noon

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746***

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

Renée Annette Lowery was born on December 19, 1948, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Joseph and Deborah Davis, Sr. She was the fifth of eight children. Renée had two brothers (Joseph, Jr., and Levi) and five sisters (Deborah, Carrie, Cynthia, Joyce, and Sonia).

Renée was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System attending P.S. 119 Elementary School, Booker T. Washington Junior High School, and Frederick Douglass High School, respectively. She graduated from Morgan State College (now Morgan State University) in 1971 receiving a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Renée began her career as an educator in Baltimore City Public Schools in 1971. She was promoted to Department Head due to her work ethic, organizational skills, and leadership. Throughout her career, she impacted the lives of her co-workers and students and often shared the Good News of Jesus Christ whenever the opportunity presented itself. After 33 years of faithful service, Renée retired from the classroom in 2004.

On August 23, 1974, Renée married Charles Wilson Lowery and from that union they were blessed with two daughters, Danielle and Karen. Family was extremely important to Renée. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Additionally, Renée enjoyed a special bond with her siblings, especially her sisters; and she was a surrogate grandmother to Obria, Destiny, and Roger II, as they affectionately called her "Grandma Aunt Née."

Charles and Renée were avid roller skaters and bowlers. On several evenings of the week, you could find them either at the roller rink or the bowling alley competing against other teams in their bowling league. Renée enjoyed traveling with her family whether it was the annual trip to Downingtown, Pennsylvania, going to Disney World, taking cruises, taking her children to Wild World, Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens, and Six Flags Great America every summer, or visiting Karen in New York. She and Charles entertained and hosted many gatherings at their home over the years for Karen and Danielle's birthdays and sleepovers, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and her own birthday/Christmas game party. Everyone looked forward to eating her fall-off-the-bone barbecue chicken, her Swedish meatballs, and her delicious homemade lemonade. At family gatherings, she enjoyed playing games, eating crabs, listening to oldies but goodies, hand dancing, and quoting her father's infamous jokes. Renée enjoyed taking Karen and Danielle to the Inner Harbor on balmy summer evenings to get crab balls at Phillips, fruit shakes, and Anna's Fried Dough. They also enjoyed going to the mall to get Orange Julius drinks, Vie de France pastries, and walk-away sundaes (affectionately called wiffle-waffles) from Swensen's.

Renée was a fervent supporter of her daughters' endeavors from attending their orchestra concerts, camping with the Girl Scouts, being the Cookie Mom for the Girl Scout troop, attending plays and dance recitals—she did it all! She often dropped by their dorms unannounced at Howard University to take them to the Cheesecake Factory. She looked forward to seeing her daughters every Sunday at church; and was happy to return their huge bags of college laundry on a weekly basis. Whenever Renée talked to her daughters or had an opportunity to spend time with them, she always gave them a word of encouragement.

During retirement, Renée and Charles looked forward to Karen's phone calls about her new life in New York, and Renée enjoyed traveling there to visit her. She also enjoyed vacationing with Reuben and Danielle and their family; and spending quality time with her grandchildren, Lauren, and Joshua. On any given weekend, she would pick up Lauren and Joshua from school and take them to Chuck E. Cheese or Chick-fil-A. Their weekends usually included eating Pop Pop's breakfast, exploring the bike paths around Lake Elkhorn, and trips to the playground. Additionally, Renée volunteered at their school for Harvest Meal, helped to sell Claire's Gourmet for the school's fundraiser, and attended the annual Resurrection Recitals. As the grandchildren got older, she went to their various games including soccer, flag football, and basketball, as well as track meets. During visits, the grandchildren would convince Charles and Renée to play Monopoly knowing that their grandparents would help them to win! Another favorite pastime with the grandchildren was watching TV while eating pizza.

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Renée also loved going out for brunch after church with her family as well as holiday gatherings. Sunday brunch was always a time for fellowship and some vivid discussions about the Word of God. Many Sunday afternoons were spent with family at Bob's Big Boys, Shoney's, and her favorite, the NCO Club at Fort Meade. This tradition never ceased throughout the years. Gathering for the holidays was also important to Renée. After having labored in the kitchen to prepare Thanksgiving dinner in her own home for decades, she was thoroughly pleased when she passed the torch to Reuben and Danielle.

Renée was a member of New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, for over two decades. She served as the President of the Female Ushers for eight years and helped to organize the annual Vacation Bible School held in the summer. She later joined Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the Calvary Bible Institute with a certificate in Biblical Studies in 2000. She and Charles later joined Open Vision Ministry in Randallstown, Maryland, and they were ordained as deacons in the church in 2009. They later joined St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, Maryland, where they worshipped when their health prevented them from traveling long distances. Renée became a member of From the Heart Church Ministries® on September 29, 2019. She enjoyed the fellowship and love of the saints when she attended Sunday Worship Service and Tuesday Night Bible Study. Often during the service, you could find her dancing during Praise and Worship or emphasizing certain parts of the message when Bishop Cherry taught or even when Reuben was teaching.

Renée appreciated the sacrifice that Karen made to relocate from New York to care for her and Charles for five years. She also did not take lightly the numerous years that Reuben and Danielle commuted to Columbia to care for them and handle their affairs until Renée moved in with them in September 2019. She immensely enjoyed the attention from her grandchildren now that they were all under the same roof. Lauren and Joshua cared for her, spent time with her, and were her biggest protectors. Renée's sisters and their families supported her during her health challenge by sending meals, giving furniture, taking her shopping, coming over for visits, spending the weekend with her, and talking to her by video call.

Renée's faith in the Lord sustained her throughout her health challenge and was evident as she often called on the name of the Lord daily. On January 20, 2021, Renée went home to be with the Lord with a full assurance that her Heavenly Father had prepared a place for her. (*John 14:2*) She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Renée's memory will be cherished by her daughters, Danielle Monmouth (Reuben) and Karen Lowery; granddaughter, Lauren Monmouth; grandson, Joshua Monmouth; sisters, Elaine Kennedy (Henry), Dottie Pinder (Herman), Cynthia Carpenter (Austin), Lynnette Shaw (Roger), and Sonia Legg; sister-in-law, Abay Davis; lifelong friends, Joe and Vera Evans; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Renée was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Wilson Lowery; her parents, Joseph and Deborah Davis, Sr.; and her brothers, Joseph, Jr. (affectionately known as Bozzie), and Levi (affectionately known as Moochie).

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 121
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Lynnette Shaw, Sister
Minister Danielle R. Monmouth, Daughter

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

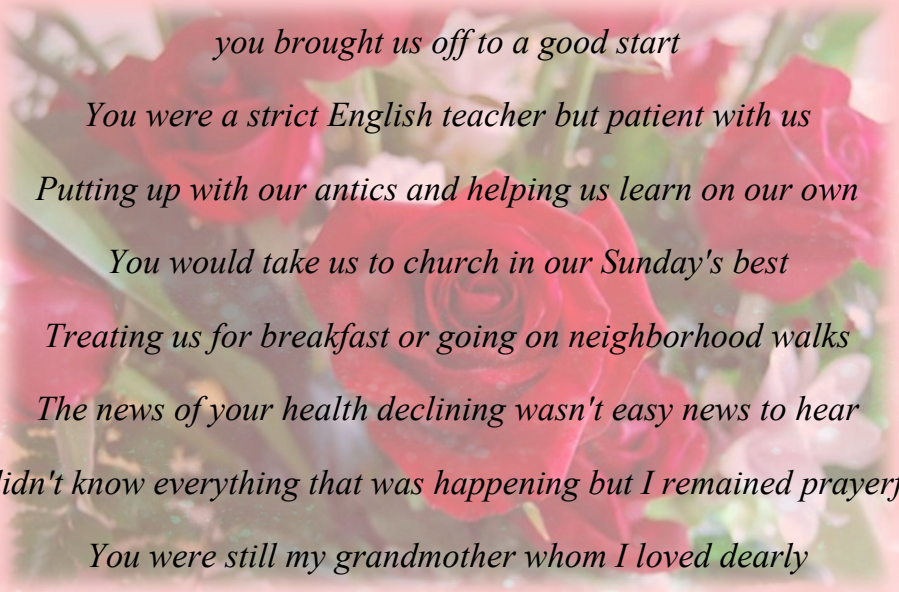
Message of Hope *Bishop John A. Cherry, II*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional

Poem



*You will always have a special place in my heart
I can't even remember a time in my life without you
From playground trips, the movies, and Chuck E. Cheese,
you brought us off to a good start
You were a strict English teacher but patient with us
Putting up with our antics and helping us learn on our own
You would take us to church in our Sunday's best
Treating us for breakfast or going on neighborhood walks
The news of your health declining wasn't easy news to hear
I didn't know everything that was happening but I remained prayerful
You were still my grandmother whom I loved dearly
I would do my best to help out anyway I could
or keep you company in your room
But those days are over now and you're no longer in pain
Although this transition for me is painful
I can be glad that you are finally home
So thank you for the wonderful time we had together
Love, Lauren*





Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The Lowery and Monmouth families sincerely thank you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace! A special thanks to Ms. Cecelia Martin, Ms. Jennifer Lopez, Angels Who Care LLC, Hospice of the Chesapeake, and the From the Heart Church Ministries family.

Honoring A Life Well Lived

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Renée's honor to:

- *The Alzheimer's Association - Visit www.alz.org*
- *From the Heart Christian School via The Diana P. Cherry (DPC) Scholarship Fund Visit – www.fthcm.org/give. "The Diana P. Cherry Scholarship Fund is a collection of monies that has been received by From the Heart Church Ministries® to assist returning parents in From the Heart Christian School (FTHCS) who have experienced extenuating circumstances preventing them from meeting their tuition obligations." Renée's grandchildren, Lauren and Joshua attended this school from K-3 through 12th grade.*

***Services Entrusted to:
Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
Suitland, Maryland***