

***Celebrating the Life
of
Helenmairé S. White***

***Sunrise
February 22, 1958***

***Sunset
February 6, 2021***



Thursday, February 18, 2021

**Viewing: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.**

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

Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor

Obituary



Helenmairé Shipley White was born on February 22, 1958, in Washington, D.C., to the late Wirt and Cleo Jackson. She went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the age of 62.

In 1976, Helenmairé graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy in the District. As a teenager, she met the love of her life, Tony White, while singing in the church choir. They were later married on June 7, 1980. During their 40-year marriage, the loving couple had five children whom they raised with much patience and humility. Helenmairé's children were her pride and joy—providing her with endless hours of laughter and pure happiness. The dedicated wife and loving mother made it known that her family came first above all else. This was a value she instilled in those around her.

The native Washingtonian had deep roots in the D.C. Anacostia community. In the early 1980s, Helenmairé and Tony purchased the building located at 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Southeast D.C., where the entrepreneurs opened The Ultimate Touch, a Christian-based, family-oriented hair salon. In 2014, Helenmairé retired from the business, and began a second career as a cosmetology teacher at Ballou STAY Opportunity Academy—an organization that prepares young adults for college and the workplace. She wholeheartedly loved teaching the craft, receiving numerous awards and accolades for her work. Additionally, she was highly regarded by students and staff at the Academy. During her 14 years at the school, Helenmairé the nurturer, impacted the lives of so many young adults. She taught them more than cosmetology—she motivated them, believed in them, and cared for them. Helenmairé undoubtedly left an indelible mark on those with whom she came in contact.

Helenmairé was a woman of unwavering faith who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior in 1982, and throughout her lifetime continued to share the Word of God with anyone who would listen. In 1987, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries and was active in the life of the church, serving in the Altar Ministry for many years. She maintained her relationship with the Lord—displaying her faith through her actions. The devout Christian was a prayer warrior and a soldier in the army of the Lord.

To know Helenmairé was to love her. She cared for everyone as if they were her own. If you needed to talk, she was there to listen. If you wanted a hug, her arms were open to receive you. If you needed to be comforted, she knew just the right words to say. Helenmairé lived an exemplary life—inspiring those around her with her dedication to family, church, and community. Her memory will be cherished by those whose lives she touched. And while her family mourns her loss, they also celebrate her life and legacy. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Helenmairé leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Tony White; children: Faith White, Tony A. White, II (Nicole), Lauren White, Ian White, and Angelica Fields (Troy); grandchildren: Daimaire Hall, Dhaniyah Hall, Tony A. White, III, Landon White, Kingston Duclos, Brielle White, Ian White, II, Nuri Fields, and Zsa Zsa Fields; siblings: Earl Jackson, Enid McDonald, and Tonza Harris; aunts, Helen Pettis, and Imogene Gilbert; a host of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and her From the Heart Church Ministries family.

Helenmairé was preceded in death by her parents, Wirt, and Cleo Jackson; stepfather, Willie L. Bell; and siblings, Myron Rabenko, and Cecilia Brown.

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-31
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

*Faith White
Angelica Anise Fields
Tony White, III*

Poem *Daimaire Anise Hall*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

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

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment
*Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
Suitland, Maryland*



In My Mind

By Jenn Farrell

*Somewhere in my dreams tonight
I'll see you standing there
You look at me with a smile
"Life isn't always fair"*

*You say you were chosen for His garden
His precious hand picked bouquet
"God really needed me,
That's why I couldn't stay"*

*It's said to be that angels
Are sent from above
I've always had my angel
My mom – whose heart
was filled with love*

*Wherever the ocean meets the sky
There will be memories of you and I
When I look up at the sky so blue
All I see are visions of you.*

*"While there's a heart in me,
you'll be a part of me."*

A decorative border of pink roses and buds frames the central text. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with some showing deep pink centers and lighter pink outer petals. The background is a soft, light pink gradient.

She is Gone

By David Alexander Elder

*You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*

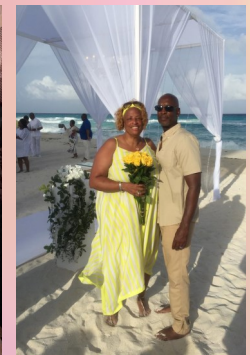
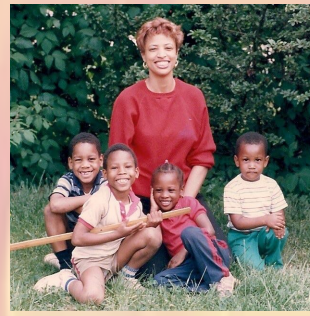
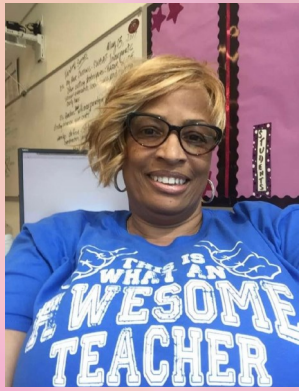
*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.*

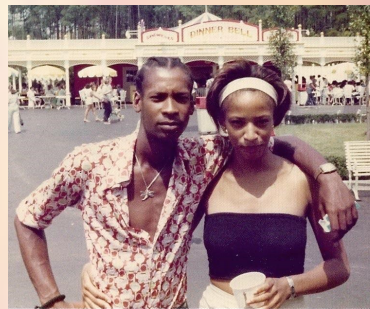
*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she is gone,
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.*

***Or you can do what Mum would have wanted:
Smile, Open your Eyes, Love and Go On.***





Pallbearers

*Rezin Richardson
Gerard White
Glenn White
Ian White
Tony White, Sr.
Tony White, II*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of Helenmairé White sincerely thanks all of 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!



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