

*In Loving Memory  
of*  
***Levinia Maxine Nelson***

*Sunrise*  
***October 28, 1948***

*Sunset*  
***April 27, 2022***



***Monday, May 9, 2022***

***Family Hour: 10:30 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

**Levinia Maxine Nelson** was born in Rand, West Virginia, on October 28, 1948, to Mary Alexander Nelson and Mark Nelson.

An outgoing child, she participated in the early stages of the Head Start program and attended Rand Elementary School. She also learned to play the piano and crochet. In 1966, she graduated from DuPont High School after which she found employment at Mountain State Hospital near her hometown. She furthered her education at Capital City Commercial College in Charleston, West Virginia. Later, Levinia and her younger sister relocated to Maryland, creating a life for themselves far away from the comforts of home. And she worked for Verizon (formerly Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company) for many years before retiring in 2002.

In her leisure, she enjoyed reading mystery novels, singing, and tending to her beautiful garden for which she won a Best Garden type award in her community. And she often reminisced about the dynamics of her crochet group.

Further, Levinia was passionate about the things and people she loved. For instance, she sponsored several children through Compassion International. The organization takes a long-term approach to child development and provides opportunities that encourage healthy spiritual, physical, social, and economic development. Through her participation, Levinia gained knowledge about foreign cultures that helped her to better understand the children she had sponsored.

The woman of faith attended Victory World Outreach Church where she taught toddlers in Children's Church. In 1994, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries and was actively involved in the life of the church. Prior to her declining health, she faithfully volunteered in the Helps Ministry Repast Team, Seniors Ministry, and the Ministry of Knowledge. Levinia genuinely loved her church and did not mind letting anyone know.

In the end, Levinia and her family found comfort in one of her favorite quotes from the late Billy Graham. The well-known evangelist said, "The moment we take our last breath on earth, we take our first in heaven." Iterating these words often helped ease Levinia's mind about her situation and soothed her family's aching heart, knowing that her suffering had finally ended.

Levinia will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory her sisters, Arish and Bethenia Nelson; brothers, Marshall and Joseph Nelson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Mark Nelson, and her brother, Paul Nelson.



# *Order of Service*

***Invocation***

***Scripture Reading***

*Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7*

*New Testament: John 4:1-6*

***Prayer of Comfort***

***Selection*** ..... *FTH Psalmist*

***Acknowledgements***

***Obituary (Read Silently)***

***Song of Preparation*** ..... *FTH Psalmist*

***Message of Hope*** ..... *Minister Justin K. Young*

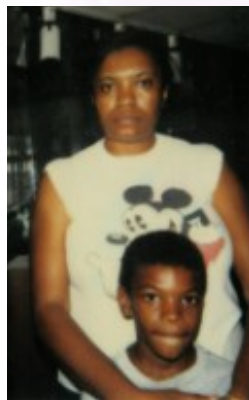
***Call to Christ***

***Recessional***

***Interment***  
*West Virginia*  
*(Date to be determined)*











# *the Trial*

*Author Unknown*

*Standing, small, before His Throne  
The Light upon my life is shone  
All once hidden, now revealed  
I know, in death, my fate is sealed*

*What joy, to know, I did not wait  
Tomorrow would have been too late  
Today I answered Jesus' call  
The debt, I owed, He paid it all*

*Today Lord Jesus came to me  
From Satan's power set me free  
Then, suddenly, without warning,  
Loved ones stand 'round me mourning*

*Unknown to them, I stand, and cry  
In joy, and wonder, "Master, why?"  
Why doest Thou Love and plead for me  
For, I have never worked for Thee*

*"My previous lamb, can you not see  
'Tis child like faith that pleases Me?  
Come, enter now into My rest  
With My Righteousness, you're dressed!"*

# Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*



# *Flower Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Levinia Maxine Nelson, acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. 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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