

*Celebrating the Life of*

*Dolores B. Lyles*

*August 2, 1941 ~ October 25, 2024*



*Monday, November 11, 2024*

*Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.*

**From the Heart Church Ministries®**

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# Obituary

*Dolores Belton Lyles, also known as “Dee,” was born on August 2, 1941, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Thomas and Ethel Broom Belton. She was the eldest of her eight siblings: Calvin Belton-Boston, Terry Belton, Moses Belton, Charles Belton, Donald Belton, Edith Carter, Dorothy Belton, and Robert Belton.*

*Dolores grew up in her grandparents, Moses and Ethel Belton’s church, where the foundation of her faith was built and carried her through the remainder of her life. After high school, Dolores went to study early childhood education at Johnson C. Smith College in 1959 where she later met Ronald Lyles, Sr. They soon married and moved to Washington, D.C., where they completed their college degrees. From their union five children were born: Kim, Ronald Jr., Yohn, Shakhil, and Malik Lyles.*

*Dee began her career working for the federal government in downtown Washington, D.C., where she swiftly moved up the General Schedule pay scale. She then decided to pursue a career in teaching which became her passion and drove her to return to college at Bowie State University with a concentration of special education. She dedicated the rest of her life’s work to bettering the lives of students throughout Prince George’s and Charles County Maryland. She made an indelible mark on the lives of her students, and they continued to stay connected with her throughout their adulthood. She also had an impact on many of the teachers that she trained in how to run a stellar classroom. Notably, she totaled over 45 years in the school system.*

*Outside of school, Dolores’ world revolved around her grandchildren: Ronald Lyles, Diamond Jackson, and Jasmine Lyles. She made it her duty to instill her faith, morals, and strength into them. She always brought the family together with her infamous holiday dinners at her house and trivia games that made you feel like you were right in her classroom.*

*After retiring in 2020, she spent her time taking care of her great-grandchildren, Lauryn and Saint, she always said, “They kept her going.”*

*Dolores, a woman of faith, joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1988. Prior to her health declining, she was active in the church through her committed involvement in the Altar, Physical Stewardship, Helps, and Seniors Ministries.*

*Moreover, she was full of life, spunk, and wit; and she never had a problem telling people what was on her mind. Her favorite activities consisted of getting dolled up for church every Sunday, and taking her granddaughter, Diamond, shopping on the weekends.*

*Dolores was known for her strong-willed, self-assured nature, her strong faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and her wonderful passion for children and education. She fought a good fight with cancer beginning in 2019, and ending on October 25, 2024, when she peacefully transitioned. She will always be remembered for her unwavering strength, faith, resilience, and grace in the face of adversity.*

*Dolores touched the lives of her many friends, family, students, and more. Furthermore, she leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and lasting memories for her children: Kim, Yohn, and Shakhil Lyles; grandchildren: Ronald Lyles III, Diamond Jackson (Joseph), and Jasmine Lyles; great-grandchildren: Lauryn, Saint, Miyoshi, Major and Bella; siblings: Terry Belton (Gretta), Donald Belton (Jessica), Edith Carter (Donald) and Dorthy Belton; best friends, Joyce Stewart and Phylis Scott; nieces, nephews, cousins and many other loved ones.*

*Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Ethel Belton; siblings: Calvin Belton-Boston, Moses Belton, Charles Belton, and Robert Belton; and beloved children, Ronald Jr. and Malik Lyles.*

# Order of Service

*Invocation*

*Congregational Hymn* ..... *“Blessed Assurance”*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7*  
*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

*Prayer of Comfort*

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

*Remarks*

*Ms. Joyce Stewart, Friend*  
*Mr. Terry Belton, Brother*

*Poem* ..... *Ms. Diamond Jackson*

*Obituary (Read Silently)*

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

*Message of Hope* ..... *Minister Janet Briscoe*

*Call to Christ*

*Recessional*

*Interment:*  
*National Harmony Memorial Park Cemetery*  
*7101 Sheriff Road | Hyattsville, Maryland 20784*



# Congregational Hymn

## BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### *Chorus*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long,  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above,  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love

### *Chorus*

## Letter to My Grandma

*Grandma, thank you for sharing so much love and light  
From a kid you always instilled confidence and strength  
in me that I'll carry for life*

*I appreciate you always being my go to even when I  
knew I made mistakes*

*You always had a solution to save the day  
I'm grateful for God giving me a grandma like you  
Even when I didn't want to hear what you had to say I  
knew it was out of love and because of how high you set  
the bar for me*

*You taught me how to keep faith in God and never take  
no for an answer*

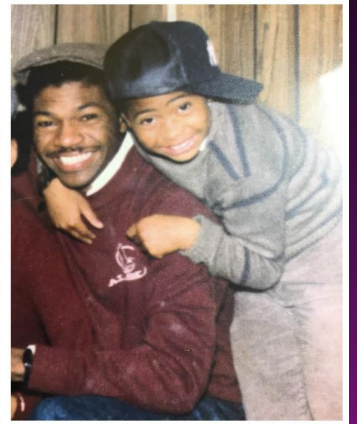
*With all you did for me I knew when the day came I  
wanted to take care of you and I did  
I'm especially grateful for all the time we got to spend  
together in your final days*

*We were best friends, we laughed, we shopped, we fussed,  
and we cried but 'til the end we never left each others  
side*

*I'll always cherish everything you poured into me and my  
children while you were here*

*I love you grandma until we meet again*

*Love, your Sunshine*





## *Acknowledgment*

*The entire Lyles family sincerely thank 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!*

## *Pallbearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Flower Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Services Entrusted to:*

*Hodges & Edwards Funeral Home  
3910 Silver Hill Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746*

