

*A  
Celebration  
of  
Life*



**NOVELLA D. DUBOSE**

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 16, 1929 – SUNSET: DECEMBER 22, 2021

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

WAKE: 9:30 AM – FUNERAL 10:00 AM

HISTORIC ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1901 E. FEDERAL STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21213

REV. DR. GREGORY B. PERKINS, PASTOR  
OFFICIATING





## NOVELLA'S JOURNEY OF LIFE

**NOVELLA DOLORES DUBOSE**, one of ten children, born to the late James (Ned) and Flora Temple, was born on September 16, 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Novella fought a good fight and her victory has been won as she journeyed home to be with the Lord on December 22, 2021.

Novella attended segregated schools in Center Cross, Virginia and later completed her formal education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she attended Simon Gratz High School. Novella received her Practical Nursing Certificate from The Baltimore City Hospitals in September 1965 and became a License Practical Nurse (LPN). In June 1974, Novella received her Associate in Arts Degree from Community College of Baltimore. On August 16, 1974, Novella was certified by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses as a Registered Nurse (RN). Novella worked as a LPN at Baltimore City Hospitals; as a LPN and RN at Church Home Hospital; as a RN at Good Samaritan Hospital; and retired from North Charles Hospital as a RN-Supervisor.

Novella met the love of her life, Benjamin, Sr. during her high school years in Philadelphia, PA. Ben (who preceded her in death) and Novella were united in Holy Matrimony in September 1947. From this union they were blessed with three children, two daughters: Carolyn and Linda and one son, Ben Jr., who faithfully took care of his mother. Carolyn and Linda preceded her in death.

Novella was very close to her siblings. They did not need a special occasion to come together with all the children to eat, laugh and have fun. Holidays were her favorite times of the year, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving, all her family would come from Philly to Virginia to eat Thanksgiving Dinner at her house. Novella enjoyed preparing for this dinner and would start preparations months before the holiday. She loved cooking for her family and friends. For Christmas, after spending time with her family here in Baltimore, she would travel to spend Christmas with her family in Philadelphia. When her grandchildren were little, she loved to make their Easter special. She would make all their chocolate candies and even make chocolate bunnies and chocolate Easter baskets for each grandchild. They each would have their special place on her buffet.

Novella loved to bake and you could always count on her to make you a cake at your request. Once you tasted her cakes, you would always come back for another. Her clientele grew from them tasting her baking. Many of her nieces would call her for her recipes. Her recipes have been passed onto her family and friends.

Not only did Novella enjoy cooking and baking, but she also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilt-making and many other crafts. In addition, Novella enjoyed travelling locally, nationally and abroad. She cruised to many countries around the world.

As a long-time member of the Historic Saint Paul Community Baptist Church, she first served under the leadership of Rev. Edward Revels and it was during this time that she gave her life to Christ. Novella continued to serve under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Gregory B. Perkins, Pastor. Novella was a faithful member of the Nurse's and Usher's Ministry. She would also faithfully serve wherever she could help out, especially when dinner was being served at the church. Everyone always wanted to know which cake she baked.

Novella was a staple-member of the 25th Street Community where she lived. Her faithful next door neighbor and friend, Christine White, loved spending time with her; the Dawson family; Gwen; the Giles family; and many other neighbors loved talking with her. She would bake Christmas cookies for her neighbors.

Novella always looked for ways to show all her family, neighbors and church family how much she loved them, whether it was a card, a cake, make you something special or just her kind words.

Preceding Novella in death are: her husband of 59 years, Benjamin F. DuBose, Sr.; two daughters: Carolyn Dangerfield and Linda DuBose; her great-granddaughter: Alexis DuBose; her siblings: Robert Anderson Temple, James Edward Temple, Jr., Mabel Temple-Croxtan, Korean Temple-McCane, Frederick Douglas Temple, Sr., Benjamin (Bennie) Temple, Joseph Temple, Hilda B. Warrick and Shirley H. Overton.

To carry on her legacy and cherish her memories, Novella leaves her son Benjamin F. DuBose, Jr. (Antoinette); four grandsons: Edward Dangerfield Jr., Dominic Dangerfield (Deneen), Benjamin F. DuBose, 3rd (Valencia), Linwood DuBose, Sr.; one granddaughter: Ashlie DuBose; five great-grandchildren: Niyah DuBose, Linwood DuBose, Jr., Sydney DuBose, Dominic Dangerfield, Chandler DuBose; one sister: Charlesetta "Skeets" Smith of Philadelphia PA; three sister-in-laws, Ursula Temple and Bertha Temple, both of Philadelphia, PA; one goddaughter Revilla (Penney) Toles; three extended-family daughters: Betty Black, Beverly Vincent and Symone Flowers; a devoted friend: Ann Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



# CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gregory B. Perkins, Pastor - Officiating

## PROCESSIONAL

The Family & Friends

## FAMILY SHARING HOUR

## OPENING HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Psalm 121

New Testament: 1st Corinthians 15:51-57

## PRAYER OF COMFORT

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Historic Saint Paul Community Baptist Choir

## REFLECTIONS

Family & Friends (2 minutes, please)

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Sis. Deborah Pierce-Fakunle

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Bro. Sterling Finch

## OBITUARY

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Bro. James Harlee

## EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Gregory B. Perkins, Pastor

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## MORTICIANS-IN-CHARGE

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL



### **“To Our Beautiful Mother”**

God say you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around you  
and He whispered “Come to Me”.  
With tearful eyes we watched you.  
We watched you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard-working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He chose to take the best.  
It’s lonesome here without you  
we miss you more each day.  
Life doesn’t seem the same  
since you have gone away.  
When days are sad and lonely  
and everything goes wrong,  
we seem to hear you whisper  
“It will be alright- Just Carry On”.  
Each time we see your picture  
You seem to smile and say,  
“Don’t cry, I’m in God’s hands,  
We’ll meet again someday”.



Missing you much, Your Son Ben and  
Daughter-n-love, Antoinette



### **Dear Ma:**

Little did I know that you would be leaving us  
so soon. I’m thankful that you are in no more  
pain, and it does my soul and heart great  
feelings to know that. You watched me grow  
from a mischievous Little Boy into a grown  
responsible Family Man. It broke our hearts  
to lose you, but you didn’t go alone, a part of  
us went with you that day GOD called you  
home. I have nothing but sweet memories  
and your unconditional love which is still my  
guide. Until we meet again...

Love (Benji)



### **To Grandma “Ma”**

“Ma” I truly will miss so much about you. I’ll miss the times we spent  
together when I would take to you to run your errands. I will miss  
the times you would make me some homemade applesauce. I will  
miss the times I would just sit with you and look at TV. But most of  
all I will miss your presence. I know you knew I loved you and you  
always showed me how much you loved me. Sleep on and take your  
rest.

Your Grandson, Linwood





**Ma,**

I am so blessed and grateful to call you my grandmother. I've always acknowledged you as my "Quiet Storm". You were sweet, loving, caring, and giving. But, you didn't take anything from anyone. You spoke your mind in the kindest way! I have never heard you yell, talk negatively about people, or complain. You embodied strength, love, and grace. I will cherish every moment with you from our car rides in the 2-Door Red Cadillac to our conversations at your bedside, and everything in between. Thank you for giving me my first customized birthday cake! ☺ I'm going to miss your smile, laugh, hugs, cakes, talks, and cards. But most of all, I am going to miss your presence. You will forever be in my heart! I love you!

Your Granddaughter,  
Ashlie



**Dear Grandma,**

My earliest memories of you were when you opened your front door, sometime even before the sun came up to let me and my amazing little brother in the house before we were off to school. I remember this so fondly because you were like an angel opening the door, never with a frown, nor a smile, but a peace, and joy, of happiness and proudness that you just felt !!! I remember sitting on the floor eating my cereal, watching the Little Rascals, Speed Racer, and the Three Stooges with my eager little brother, Nicky, ready to get to school even before the doors opened (he loved school) when my kool little cousins Ben and Linwood walked in (they were even kool at 4 and 8).

Those early mornings, watching cartoons, wrestling and partying with my brother were the purest form of joy I've ever experienced in my life !!! Even the fear of Granddaddy, with belt in hand, coming downstairs and setting us straight (found out later he was a big teddy bear) never took away from my loving childhood !!! I even think you enjoyed the noise, and the fear Granddaddy evoked in us when we heard him coming. You loved us unconditional, in your own way, with food, candy, cakes and money. You weren't much of a hugger or kisser, but the love I felt engulfing me in your presence was enough to fill a room (I even feel it as I write this letter to you). Grandma, I never saw you cry and you never said no to any of us. These are characteristics I remember so vividly because you were perfection to me !!! You were one of God's greatest gifts to the world and the best of all of us !!!

If you never got to meet her, you missed out, but don't worry she'll be waiting at the pearly gates in her perfectly white uniform, gloves and all, with her handsome husband Benjamin; her beautiful daughters Carolyn and Linda; her nine brothers and sisters; and hundreds of family and friends. Her life's mission was to always be on time and never miss paying her respects at a funeral !!!

Grandma, your legacy is vast !!! A job well done !!! Rest In Peace and let someone else cook !!!

With All Our Love - Edward, Dominic, Deneen, Little Dominic

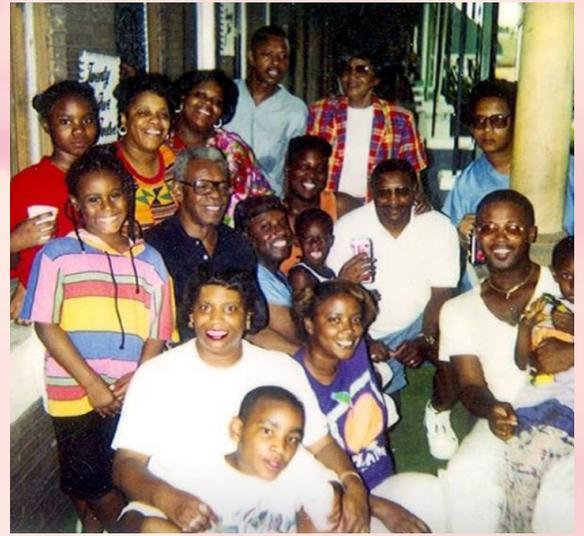


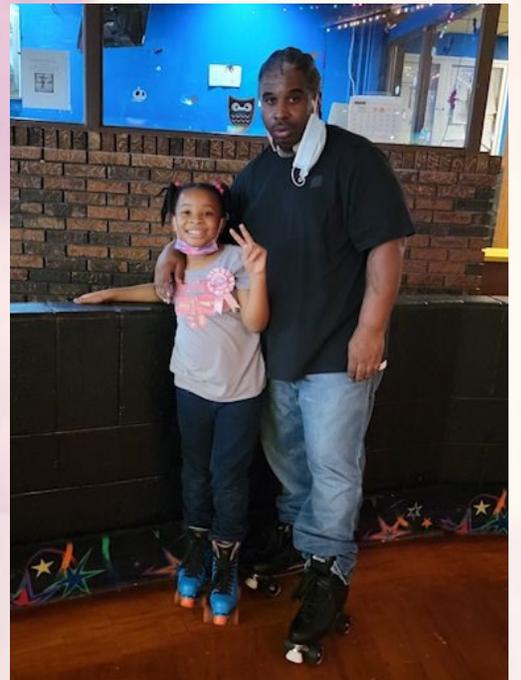


Joe, Benny, Fred, James, Corean, Robert Novella, Shirley, Flora, Mabel, Hilda













## PALLBEARERS

Grandsons / Nephews  
Honorary Pallbearer: Thurman (JR) Bell

## FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces / Family / Friends

## INTERMENT

PARKWOOD CEMETERY  
3310 Taylor Ave, Baltimore, MD 21234



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We praise and thank God for the life of our dear Novella Dolorse DuBose. We also praise and thank Him for the many family members and friends who have expressed their love and condolences during this time. Your expressions of kindness and encouragement have been a blessing to us.

Special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Gregory B. Perkins and the Historic Saint Paul Community Baptist Church Family for hosting our celebration of life services and opening your doors to render assistance with the family repast meal.

Because of the COVID pandemic, the repast meal will be a “carry-out” and will be given to you at the end of the Celebration of Life Service. This Service will also be broadcast LIVE online at the Historic Saint Paul Community Baptist Church YouTube site. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/c/HSPCBC>



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