

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE

*of*

*Velene*  
LAMPKIN

OCTOBER 14, 1954 - DECEMBER 9, 2023

# Remembering Helene

Helene Lampkin was born on October 14, 1954 in Harvey, Illinois to Booker T. Woolfolk and the late Barbara L. (Woolfolk) Bell. She was the third child of nine. Helene accepted Christ at an early age and later joined Greater Christian Unity M.B. Church in Robbins, Illinois.

Helene started her education in the Blue Island School District at Horace Mann Elementary and that's where she met Sheree, Geraldine (Tency), Renee and Debra. These ladies became friends and stayed friends throughout a lifetime creating unbreakable bonds that lasted longer than most marriages. They were the original definition of what a true friend is. They remained friends, well sisters, throughout marriages, kids, out of state moves, divorcees, and any and every other curveball life sent them.

On June 17, 1974 Helene was united in holy matrimony to Ivory Lampkin. Ivory preceded her in death on September 19, 2009. This union was blessed with two beautiful children, a daughter Talika and a son Ivory III.

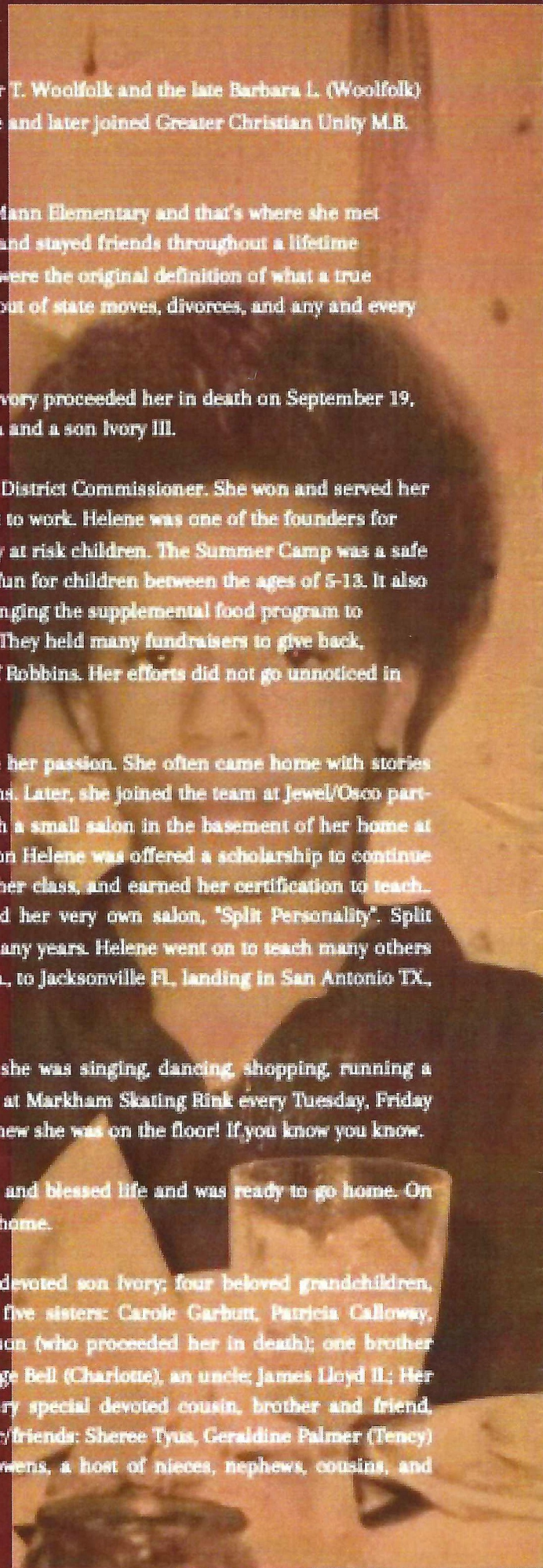
Later, with Ivory's love for politics, Helene joined right in and ran for Park District Commissioner. She won and served her community for many years. She had her own ideas and she put them right to work. Helene was one of the founders for the Robbins Park District Summer Camp which became an outlet for many at risk children. The Summer Camp was a safe place that provided tutoring, educational trips, free meals and most of all fun for children between the ages of 5-13. It also provided jobs for those 14 and older. Helene was also a strong force in bringing the supplemental food program to Robbins. As a member of the Young and Up-to-Date Civic and Social Club. They held many fundraisers to give back, including a huge fashion show which benefited the elderly and children of Robbins. Her efforts did not go unnoticed in the fall of 1983, Lampkin Field was named after Helene and Ivory.

Like many of us Helene worked several jobs before she decided to pursue her passion. She often came home with stories about Sadie Waterford Manor, a halfway house for teenage girls in Robbins. Later, she joined the team at Jewel/Osco part-time while she pursued her dream to be a Cosmetologist. It all began with a small salon in the basement of her home at the time. She attended John Amico School of Hair Design. Upon graduation Helene was offered a scholarship to continue school to become an instructor. She completed the course, at the top of her class, and earned her certification to teach. Helene was now a licensed Instructor. A few years later Helene opened her very own salon, "Split Personality". Split Personality was her baby and it became her home away from home for many years. Helene went on to teach many others in the field of cosmetology from the suburbs of Illinois to Baton Rouge, La., to Jacksonville FL, landing in San Antonio TX., where she served as Dean of Students/Teachers at Milan Hair Institute.

Helene was all about family. She was always fun to be around whether she was singing, dancing, shopping, running a Boston (Bid Whist), or barbecuing. She loved to skate and could be found at Markham Skating Rink every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. When the song "Gimme Some More" came on, you already knew she was on the floor! If you know you know.

Once Helene became ill, she told her children she had lived a wonderful and blessed life and was ready to go home. On December 9, 2023 at 3:49 p.m. Helene answered her Master's call to come home.

Helene leaves to cherish her memory, her loving daughter Talika, her devoted son Ivory; four beloved grandchildren, Tanshel and Tason Lawrence and Jazminivorie and Ja'Leah Lampkin, five sisters: Carol Garbutt, Patricia Calloway, Cynthia Bell-Hayes (Burgess), Diana Bell-Brown, and Cheryl Bell-Thompson (who preceded her in death); one brother Chris "Gene" Lipscomb (Robyn); Two step-brothers, Charles Bell and George Bell (Charlotte), an uncle; James Lloyd II; Her sister/cousin Gloria Lloyd, a brother/cousin Ronald Woolfolk, and a very special devoted cousin, brother and friend, George "GJ" Woolfolk, Jr. (who preceded her in death), three special sister/friends: Sheree Tyus, Geraldine Palmer (Tency) and Renee Harvey; Two Godchildren: Nathaniel Whaley and Anedra Bowens, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Order of Service



# Helene LAMPKIN

Processional

Scripture/Prayer - Nathaniel Whaley

Musical Selection

Reading of the Obituary- Geraldine Palmer

Musical Selection

Prayer-John 16:22- Danita Calloway

Words of Comfort- Sisters, Sister Cousin

Sister Friends

Remark and Resolutions-

(Three minutes please)

Musical Selections

Recessional



## Footprints

*One night I dreamed a dream.*

*As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.*

*Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.*

*For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,*

*I looked back at the footprints in the sand.*

*I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.*

*"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,*

*You'd walk with me all the way.*

*But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings.*

*When you saw only one set of footprints,*

*It was then that I carried you.*



# Messages To Helene

Hey Sister,  
 Words are not enough to describe how losing you makes my heart ache, how the sadness over-whelms me and how much my tears continue to flow. You have been a part of my life all of your life. I have admired how brave, strong, and courageous you've been throughout all of your life's journey. You're resting in a better place now. A place GOD has prepared for you. As I continue my life's journey you will always be with me forever in my heart, thoughts and memories.  
 I love you, Carole



1 Corinthians 16: 14 Let all you do be done in love  
 Cynthia

Dear Nana,  
 We really miss you and wish would have stayed. We know God needed you more, so tell papa we miss him too. We are so glad he is there with you. So i we will see you later!  
 Tanshel, Tason, Jazminivorie, & Ja'leah



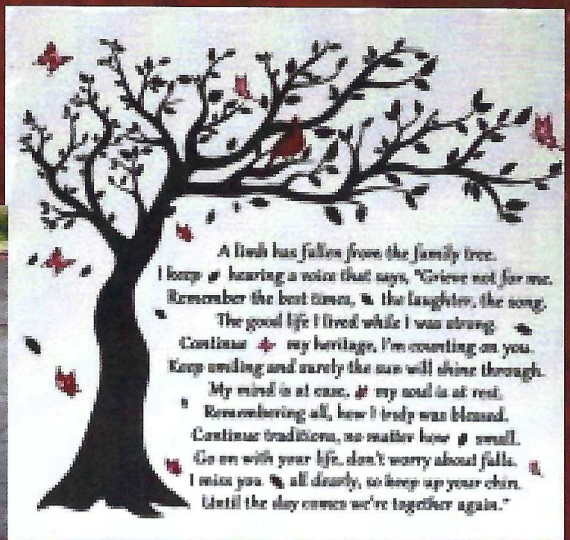
You are forever loved and will forever be missed. You were my secret caregiver (The college years) and never batted an eye. Whatever I needed, you provided. Whenever I needed you, you were always there. What am I going to do without you? You leave me with great memories, a sense of family, caring and most of all love. My heart is broken into a million pieces.  
 You are with me---Always!!!  
 Forever,  
 ~Diana~

My Sister Helene,  
 You were one of my dearest and closest sisters and friend, but also one of my closest enemies because you always told me what you thought. "That's What Sisters Do." You were always my Angel at time of needing to think logically. Growing up as kids, teenagers, young adults, and adults, I always wanted to be your protector. We were close at times and trusted no one like we trusted each other. "That's What Sisters Do."  
 We would fight but we would always make up. "That's What Sister's Do." We argued, we pointed out each other's shortcomings, mistakes, stubbornness, controlling and bad judgment. "That's What Sister's Do." We flash all kinds of crazy things we did since childhood, but we always come back together. "That's What Sister's Do."  
 I love you sister and I really miss our long talks. With all my love I take a quote from you. "I now know I have another guardian angel looking after me, Barbara's girl."  
 Love, Pat



I thought of you (TODAY), but that is nothing new, I thought about you (YESTERDAY) And days before that too. I often think of you in (SILENCE), and I often speak your name. All I have are (MEMORIES) and your (PICTURES) in my (PHONE), Your (MEMORIES) are a keepsake from which I'll never part!! (GOD) has given you your wings, and I know He holds you in his arms now, and I have you in my HEART forever IN my lifetime. ♥ LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.  
 YOUR BROTHER GENE 🙏





A leaf has fallen from the family tree.  
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
 The good life I lived while I was strong.  
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
 Remembering all, how truly was blessed.  
 Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.  
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
 Until the day comes we're together again."

Helene,

I know to be absent from the body is to  
 be present with the Lord,

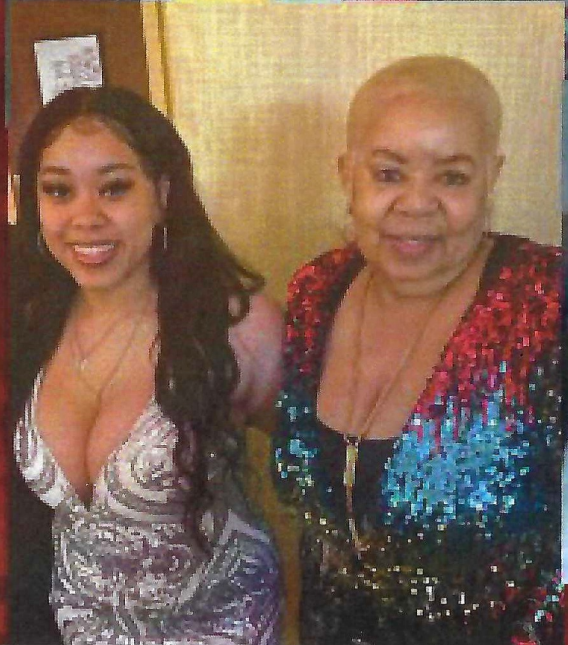
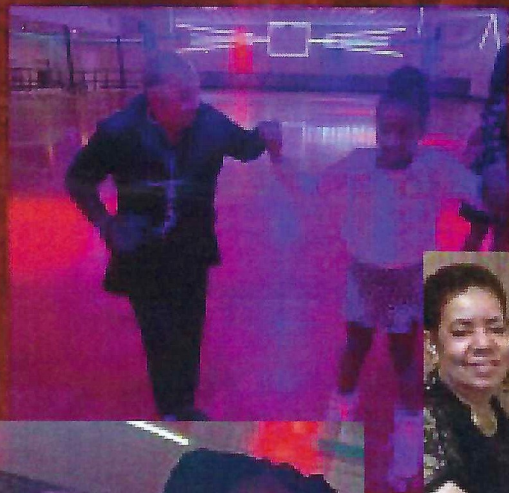
So Rest In Peace

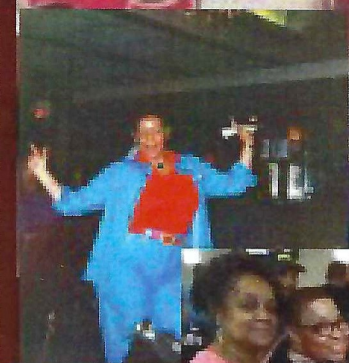
I Love You,

"Your Sister/Cousin Gloria

*When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*  
 - By David M. Romano (1993)  
 Ms. Helene I can hear you saying:  
 "When tomorrow starts without me,  
 And I'm not there to see,  
 If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
 All filled with tears for me;  
 I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
 The way you did today,  
 While thinking of the many things,  
 We didn't get to say.  
 I know how much you love, me,  
 As much as I love you,  
 And each time you think of me,  
 I know you'll miss me too;  
 But when tomorrow starts without me,  
 Please try to understand,  
 That an angel came and called my name,  
 And took me by the hand,  
 And said my place was ready,  
 In heaven far above  
 And that I'd have to leave behind  
 Many I dearly love.  
 So when tomorrow starts without me,  
 Don't think we're far apart,  
 For every time you think of me,  
 I'm right here, in your heart."  
 "Yes, my sister, my friend. Yes you are."  
 - Love Tency







# Honorary Pallbearers

Tason Lawrence  
Nathaniel Whaley  
Robert Calloway  
Damon Brown  
Bryan Smith  
Lamar Calloway  
Malcolm Bell  
Chris Lipscomb Jr

# Acknowledgements

*Perhaps you called us, or visited to say hello; you may have sent flowers or a card to show you cared or remembered us in prayer. Whatever kindness extended in our bereavement is accepted with sincere and everlasting gratitude. Your continued prayers will be gratefully appreciated. The family wishes to acknowledge and give special appreciation to VITAS hospice care and the Carter-Taylor-Williams Mortuary.*

*May God Bless and Keep You..*

*- The Lampkin Family*