



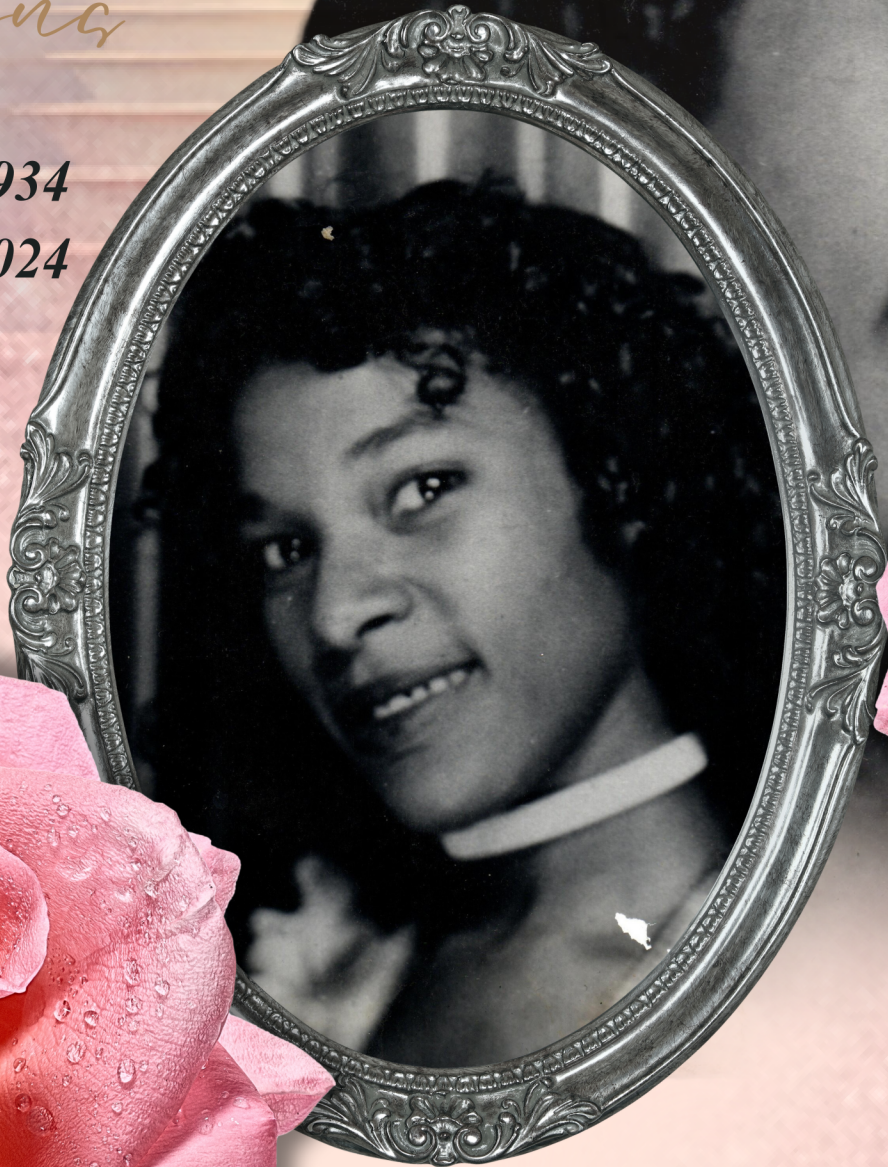
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

NELLIE

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Quena*

January 20, 1934

January 22, 2024



F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S

LIFE AND LEGACY OF NELLIE



On January 20, 1934, Rena McKinnon and Conaway Winkfield joyfully welcomed Nellie Mae Owens into the world in Carrizo Springs, Texas. From a young age, Nellie's spirit was guided by her faith, as she embraced Christianity early in life.

Nellie later relocated with her mother to Flatonia, Texas, where she embarked on her educational journey in the Flatonia Independent School District. Although she didn't complete high school, Nellie's unwavering determination propelled her towards a fulfilling and successful life, embodying resilience and tenacity in overcoming obstacles. Nellie found her home in San Antonio alongside her cherished cousin, Roberta Nelson. There, she met Reverend Henry Lee Owens Sr., whom she married on July 19, 1953. Their union blessed them with seven children, and they lovingly welcomed four more into their hearts as their own. Nellie's nurturing spirit radiated as she tenderly cared for numerous children throughout her lifetime." Nellie found solace and community in her faith, regularly attending services at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and later at Gideon Baptist Church, alongside her husband, Reverend Henry Lee Owens Sr., whom she supported and loved wholeheartedly as the pastor's wife.

Following Reverend Owens' passing in November 1980, she sought solace and community at Wheatley Heights Baptist Church before finding a cherished home at Greater Good News Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of her son-in-law, Dr. Bishop K W McIntyre. Nellie's dedication extended beyond the church walls; for 38 years, she was a committed worker at Baptist Hospital Downtown. Her nightly shifts from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. provided her with moments of serenity amidst her busy schedules. Despite her demanding work, she always found joy in returning home to her family. Whether it was cooking, baking, or sewing, Nellie cherished these moments spent with her loved ones, filling her retirement years with warmth and love."

On January 22, 2024 Nellie was peacefully called home to be with the Lord, reuniting with her loved ones. Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Henry Lee Owens, Sr., parents, Rena McKinnon and Conaway Winkfield, daughter's, France L. Stone and Eunice McAfee, eleven siblings, Legusta Nation, Virgie Mae Neely, Johnnie Mae Richardson, Baby Roy McKinnon, Kello McKinnon, Jr., Charles N. McKinnon, Jimmie Lee McKinnon, Willie Lee McKinnon, George McKinnon, Eddie Ray McKinnon and Frankie Lee McKinnon. Nellie was the last of her siblings. She leaves behind her love one's to treasure her memories her children, Willie Ann Gordon, Betty J. Owens, Nellina (Bishop Kenneth) McIntyre, Eva McKinnon, Henry Lee Owens, Jr., Lee Roy (Teresa) Owens; grandchildren, Alvencent Gordon, Jr., Maurice J. Owens, Sheena Owens (Carlos Ashley), Marcus (Nicole) McIntyre, Marquita McAfee, Eric S. Owens, DeShonna (Damien) Carrington, Marsayes McIntyre, Zenobia McAfee and William Brown; God children, Robert Mackey and family, Jacqueline Lewis, Rosa Owens and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends and church members.



ORDER OF
SERVICE

Saturday, February 3, 2024

11:00 AM

Greater Good News MBC

1226 E. Highland Blvd.

San Antonio, Texas

Dr. Bishop K.W. McIntyre, Pastor
Apostle Marcus C. McIntyre, Officiating



Reparational Hymn

"Pass Me Not"

Processional - Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Apostle Marcus McIntyre

New Testament - Elder Marsayes McIntyre

Prayer - Elder Marsayes McIntyre

Musical Selection

Obituary (Read Silently)

Resolution

Greater Good News Missionary Baptist Church

Remarks - (Limit Two Minutes)

Family First And Friends

Solo

"I Won't Complain"

Preparational Hymn

Message - Dr. Bishop K.W. McIntyre

Recessional

*To Those Whom I Love And
Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

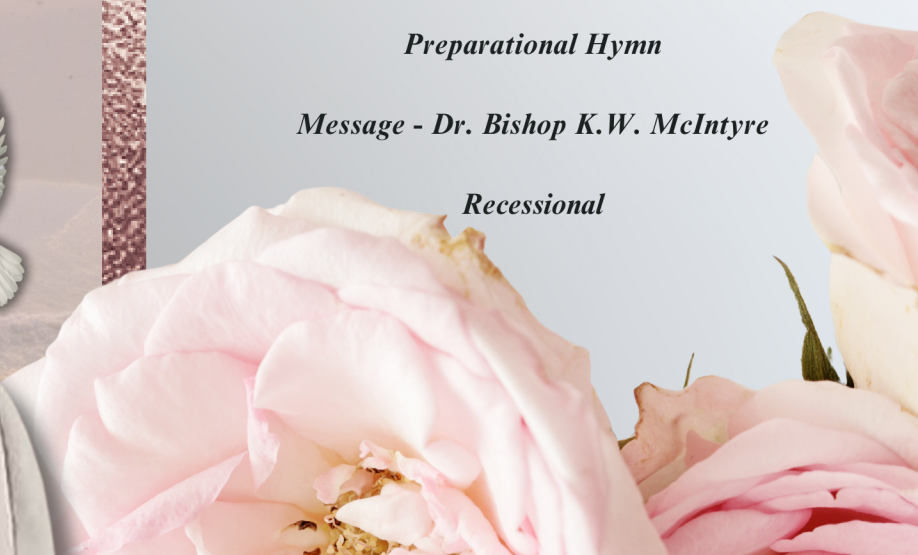
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

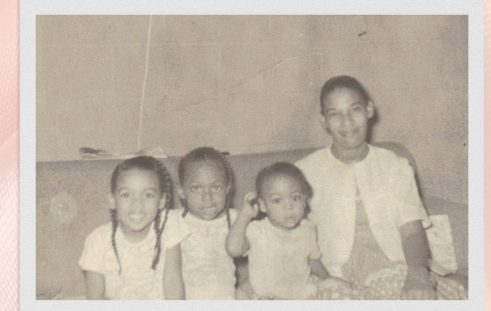
And then, when you come this way alone,

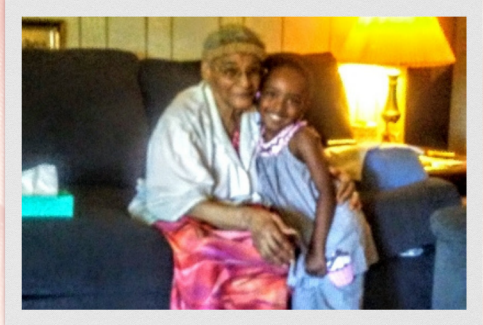
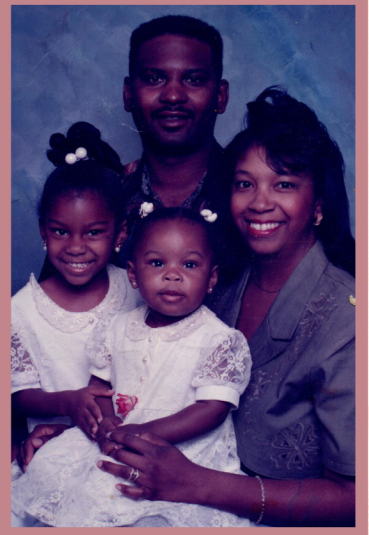
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

-Nellie Mae Owens









Special

Momma your laughs were contagious and your smile so sweet. We loved you unconditionally and you opened your arms to all of us. Momma you brought us together and that allowed us to create memories to laugh a lifetime. You taught us the definition of what strength and wisdom looked like. You always said if I am living to see it and God saw that you made it to 90 years young what a blessing, but God needed you home more than we did. They say a grandmother love is one to be cherished and we will cherish you.

Love always Deshonna



**Goodbye Mama,
I'll see you in the morning.**

"Feel no guilt in laughter, for she knows your love is true, No sorrow in a smile, though she can't share it with you. Grief need not consume you, she wouldn't want it to. She'd want you to carry on, as you've always done, too. Speak of the joyful times, the ways you showed you cared, Days filled with laughter, the moments warmly shared. Let memories enfold you, A word, a song, a scent, Can transport you instantly, to moments heaven-sent. In these memories, she's present, as if she's always near, Her spirit lives within you, comforting, sincere. For as long as you hold her close, she'll never truly part, Forever she'll reside, eternally within your heart."

Love Always, Me & My Girls



Tributes

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Robert Mackie

Walter Nation

Dexter McKinnon

James Matthew

Kenneth James

Randy Murray



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Henry Lee Owens, Jr.

Damien Carrington

Lee Roy Owens

Carlos Ashley



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

You may have sent flowers or a card to show you cared. Possibly you didn't come at all but remembered us in prayer. Whatever kindness extended in our bereavement is accepted with a sincere gratitude and a special thanks to Embrace Hospice Staff & Leticia Zuniga that's everlasting.

INTERMENT

*Meadowlawn Cemetery
San Antonio, Texas*



REPASS

*Greater Good News Missionary Baptist Church
1226 E Highland Blvd,
San Antonio, Texas*

THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF

Mellie Mae Owens



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