



A Celebration of Life



SUNRISE:

JUNE 6, 1936

SUNSET:

FEBRUARY 25, 2007



Charlotte Lois Gardner

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

Visitation - 7:00 PM

Service - 8:00 PM

WALLACE BROADVIEW FUNERAL HOME

2020 West Roosevelt Road
Broadview, Illinois 60155



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Charlotte Lois Gardner was the eighth child of ten to be born to Abraham Pannie and Hallie Dyson Taylor on June 6, 1936 in Stotesbury, West Virginia. She was preceded in death by: her parents; five brothers, Edward Odell, Barney Preston, Garnie Garfield, Elmore Conway and Lonnie Thomas; one sister, Barbara Catherine Booker; and her beloved son, Joseph Patrice Gardner.

After her family moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1942, CHARLOTTE attended the Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Crane High School..

She was employed at Alden's Mail Order Catalog House for twenty-two years. Afterwards, she worked in various offices as an Administrative Assistant, until her retirement in 2001.

She was a devoted mother of three and grandmother of seven, who loved, cherished and inspired her children, grandchildren, several nieces and nephews to reach their goals, beliefs and aspirations.

Her character was one of being straight to the point and yet, unique. At the age of twenty-one, she bought her first residential property and later became a residential and business entrepreneur.

CHARLOTTE had a care-free spirit that she shared with family and friends. She enjoyed the many family outings she experienced with her parents on down to her grandchildren. Members of her family formed a group named "The Windy City Travelers" which allowed her to travel on major trips and take two to three vacations every year. They traveled to various islands and cities where relaxation and fun were the order of the day.

She loved to “island hop,” but most of all, she loved to DANCE, whether she had a partner or not.

She also held firm beliefs in justice for us as African Americans and supported several non-profit groups, traveling to Springfield, Illinois to support equal rights. She also participated in many of the activities sponsored by the Department of Aging.

For the last three years, **CHARLOTTE** lived at the Renaissance Nursing Home in Hillside, Illinois. There, she made new friends and had a busy schedule of activities on a daily basis. One of her favorite things to do was attending the church services held there at the home.

After a short but valiant fight, **CHARLOTTE'S** sunset was on Sunday, February 25, 2007.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Renee (Robert) Conley and Vanessa Gardner; daughter-in-law, April; seven grandchildren, Brandon and Anthony Conley, Christopher and Christian Dudley, Joseph Jr., Jakima and Jeremy Gardner; two sisters, Estelle Smith and Shirley Davis; one brother, Elworth (Myrtle) Taylor; two other sisters-in-law, Aljean Taylor and Juanita Taylor; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.







Precious Memories

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL
SCRIPTURE OLD TESTAMENT, PSALM 23
NEW TESTAMENT, REVELATION 21:1-4
PRAYER "THE LORD'S PRAYER" EVERYONE
MUSICAL SELECTION "PRECIOUS LORD"
SPECIAL TRIBUTE
REMARKS 2 MINUTES PLEASE
MUSICAL SELECTION
OBITUARY RHONDA I. BUTLER, NIECE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS GARY R. SMITH, NEPHEW
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RECESSIONAL



~ INTERMENT ~

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FOLLOWING BURIAL

Our Lives Must Go On Without You



Our lives must go on without you, but nothing is quite the same.

We have to hide our pain and heartaches, when someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you, silent the tears that fall.

Living our lives without you is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true,
and when we needed someone, we could always count on you.

The special years will not return, when we were all together
but with the love that is in our hearts, you will walk with us forever.

WITH LOVE, DAUGHTERS, RENEE & VANESSA



From a place high above, where angels float in the sky.

To the very ground we walk on, Grandma watches over us.

Every step we take, leading us in the right direction.

Showing us the way, even though we know that she's in our hearts.

We wish she could be here watching us,

as we develop into young men of today.

No matter what, no matter how far away she might be,
she is still our "hero" and she has changed us.

FROM GRANDSONS, ANTHONY & BRANDON



Reflections

Pallbearers

BRANDON CONLEY
JEFFREY TAYLOR
CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY

GARRY R. SMITH
MARK BOOKER

CURTIS BOOKER
GERARD TAYLOR
PHILLIP TAYLOR



Acknowledgements

The family of *CHARLOTTE LOIS GARDNER* is grateful beyond measure for your visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and other generous outpourings of loving kindness and sympathetic concerns. Personal acknowledgements will be individually rendered at a later time. May God continue to bless and keep you always.

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