



Vera Inez Walker

October 16, 1927 - January 8, 2025

Vera Inez Walker affectionately remembered by all as “Mother” transitioned on January 8, 2025, leaving a golden and vibrant legacy of love and laughter. Born October 16, 1927, to John and Marion Harris, in Philadelphia, PA, she was a woman with a humble spirit and a huge fun-loving personality.

She had a contagious laughter which drew people in and she would lovingly embrace everyone she met. At age 17, she pledged her love to and married James B. Young which resulted in birthing eight wonderful children and later had a son by Vernon LaCount.

She imparted to them her wisdom, warmth and no-nonsense brand of love. Her nurturing spirit was her superpower. Mother worked for the Philadelphia School Board of Education for twelve years and although she loved it, her heart always belonged to caring for her bustling household which brought her the most joy. Mother had a tremendous zest for life and loved, loved, loved music, particularly jazz. She was lead vocalist in a jazz quartet with her husband on the alto sax and she also played the piano. She encouraged her children to be musically inclined, urging them to sing and play instruments.

Family and friends will truly miss that lively, fun-loving spirit that could smooth out life’s rough edges with a joke or a deep guttural laugh. Mother professed Islam and acknowledged being an orthodox muslim.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Lester “Mickey” and Idrees “Skeets” Young, two daughters Kareema Young and Wadia Muwahkil and three grandsons.

She leaves to cherish her esteemed memory, her children Jameela Bynum, Atiya Smith (Jabari), Omar Young, Rasheeda Young and Verdon Young (Chenita), 34 grandchildren, a host of great and great-great grandchildren and family and loving friends.

As we say our fond goodbyes, we will carry with us Mother’s fun-loving essence and approach to life. Mother will be truly and deeply missed, but her spirit remains, forever echoing in our hearts and memories.

Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

Cemetery Details

Ivy Hill Cemetery

1201 Easton Road
Philadelphia, PA 19150-2728

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Dream Factory
6026 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Service

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