



Ossie B Whitehead Garcia

September 13, 1933 - August 31, 2023

A Beautiful Matriarch has earned her wings. Ossie Garcia, 89 of Tampa, FL passed away peacefully on August 31, 2023 surrounded by her loved ones at Meleche Hospice House, Tampa FL.

Born in Moultrie, GA to Eva M. Gardner Whitehead and Robert Whitehead. Ossie was a devout Christian and found her calling and became an ordained evangelist at North Stelton AME Church, Piscataway, NJ. Ossie retired in NJ, then moved to Orlando, FL in 1993. She has served faithfully as a member of New Bethel AME Church Orlando since 1993. She also proudly served as a member of The Order of the Eastern Stars.

Ossie was a kind, compassionate and very wise woman. She had a love for cooking, and fed everyone who came to her door. She was passionate about caring for others. She worked for Roosevelt Hospital in Edison, NJ for many years. She retired from private duty home healthcare.

Ossie wore her heart on her sleeve and desired to help improve the lives of children so she became a foster mother to many families through Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health. She saw a need for foster children with special needs, and became a certified therapeutic foster parent.

Ossie was a fiercely dedicated mother, raising seven children and had a

loving hand in raising her grandchildren. Our family would not be where it is today if we didn't have Ossie as a mother.

Ossie was predeceased in death by her husband Luis Garcia, a brother Robert Whitehead Jr, a daughter Rosemary Blackshear, 4 grandchildren Adrienne Blackshear, Leslie Hullett Karwowski, Rashan Coleman and Brandon Blackshear, and former husband, Willie Blackshear. She leaves behind 7 Children, Janet E. Blackshear Hullett (Leo), Willie M. Alschen, Reginald W. Blackshear, Derrick R. Blackshear (Regina), Melvin Alexander (Kelisa), Karen A. Francis (Collie), Stephanie D. Andrews-Allen (Reginald), 19 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Replay of the Funeral

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Cemetery Details

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens "Entombment"

1098 Woodbridge Center
Woodbridge, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation Services

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Service
201 Sandford St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 545-7312
<https://www.andersonfuneralservice.net>

Viewing 11:00-12:00 Services to follow at 12:00 noon.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Replay of the Funeral of Ossie Garcia:*

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Anderson Funeral Service - October 02, 2023 at 09:54 AM

RW

“ *I will never forget all the many memories coming to your house growing up! Your water bed in the guess room! Everyone we spent the night you made sure to piece together pajamas from your closet for us. Mostly big shirts! I cant forget how you always ordered food when we stopped by. I definitely remember Popeyes the most. You definitely put us to work rearranging the guest rooms and the garage. Lol you always would try to give us the most outdated church clothes and we just laughed and laughed when you turned around. I will never forget you always sending us home with bags of your meals on wheels because you would get so much delivered during the week you had a refrigerator full of them. Oh and how can I forget you always giving us money when we left. Sometimes a dollar and sometimes five. Lol! I'll always remember you grandmother. You were truly one of a kind! Love you. Your granddaughter Rashanda.*

Rashanda Wilkins - September 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JE

“ Love you grandma forever grateful of our memories. Rest peacefully.



jasmine ethridge - September 29, 2023 at 11:09 AM

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jasmine ethridge - September 29, 2023 at 11:10 AM

DA

Thank you my friend I love talking to you for two hours I met you by my brother Melvin you are a wonderful person may you rest and Heaven God bless you

Diana Alexander - September 29, 2023 at 11:38 AM

RP

“ Always and forever will Love you Grandmother. Your Granddaughter Rhonda 🌸❤️ R.I.P

Rhonda Price - September 29, 2023 at 10:23 AM

RS

“ I will forever love you and cherish our times together. I was your nephew, and you loved me. You know I loved you. You and my mother were best friends, and now I know the two of you are fellowshipping together. You will always be remembered and in my heart.

Ray E. Thompson, Sr. - September 28, 2023 at 07:12 PM



Beautiful ❤️

Kelisa Womack Alexander - September 29, 2023 at 11:18 AM