

The Life of Juanita Lee Waller – The Radical Praiser

a Wife a Mother a Grandmother a Sister an Aunt a Friend

Juanita Lee Waller entered into eternal rest on April 2, 2022, at her dream estate in McDonough, Georgia surrounded by her loving husband and family.

Juanita Lee Waller, age 74, was born on July 27, 1947, in Richmond, CA to the proud parents of Mr. Shelby Wells, Sr. and Mrs. Sammie Lee (Horton). She was the youngest daughter of six children. She made a commitment to Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Pastor R.L. Johnson, at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, CA.

Her early education was received in Contra Costa County where she attended and graduated from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, CA. She later attended classes at Contra Costa College in San Pablo, CA with a focus in Business Administration. After college, Juanita had a successful career within the financial and education industries where she would later retire from the Oakland Unified School District in the early 2000's.

Juanita found love and married the love of her life, Herman Nicholas Waller, on August 18, 1979. They have three children.

Juanita was very active in her church, as a child through adulthood, where she sang in the choir as one of the lead singers. Her love of song and praise continued for the rest of her life. Juanita continued singing God's praises with many different community choirs over the years. Juanita's singing and radical praise was known all throughout California and many other states where she participated in The Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA). Juanita also sang, with a host of Bay Area Community Choirs - Northern Cal (GMWA), Daryl Coley and New Generation Singers, Eugene Cole and Persuaded, Voices of Christ, Voices of Peniel, Elizabeth Mass Choir, and Voices of St. John, just to name a few. Juanita was the Founder of the Helen J. H. Stephens Angelic Voices.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Shelby Sr. and Sammie Lee, Step-Mother: Inez Wells, brothers: James, Sam and Shelby Jr., and her sister: Coraletta Henry. Cherishing the precious memories of Juanita is her husband: Herman N. Waller of McDonough, GA; her three children: Rhonda Waller Jones of Lithonia, GA, Rodney Romelle Waller of American Canyon, CA and Roslyn Renee Waller of Atlanta, GA; Five grandchildren: Lamonte, Jacarri, Rodney II, McKenzie, Zacharie; One great grandchild: Xaileeah Rain Waller; Siblings: Emmett Wells (Sylvia) of El Paso, TX, Joseph Johnson (Ollie) of Sacramento, CA, Carol Miles of Mobile, AL. Several God-children and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Although she will be missed by many, we know that the Lord knew best when He called her from her earthly labor to heavenly rest.

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Juanita L. Waller, wish to express our sincerest thank you for the outpouring of love and prayers during our time of sorrow. Your prayers, thoughtful acts, beautiful cards, flower arrangements, visits and phone calls are all appreciated. Our family asks that you continue to keep us in your prayers and thoughts so we can maintain the strength to accept God's will.

The Waller Family

Poem

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 must not tie yourself to me with tears

Be happy that I have had so many years

I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you have me in happiness

I thank you for the love each have shown

But now it is time I travel on alone

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust

It is only for a while that we must part

So bless the memories in your heart

I will not be far away, for life goes on

So if you need me, call and I will come

Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near

And if you listen with your heart, you will hear

All of my love around you soft and clear

Then when you must come this way alone

I will greet you with a smile and a

"Welcome Home"

By Mary Alice Ramish