



Mrs. Birlee Hornsby Hunter

January 29, 1932 - March 14, 2023

Birlee Hornsby-Hunter was born on January 29, 1932, to the union of James Mack Hornsby Jr. and Alberta Harris-Hornsby. Birlee had three sisters and one brother. She was the youngest of her siblings. Birlee's parents died when she was a young child, so her grandparents, Rev. James Mack Hornsby Sr. and Amelia Rand Hornsby, raised and took care of her and her siblings. Birlee accepted Christ

as her Savior at an early age at St. Mark Church in Mississippi. She attended St. Mark Elementary School and Lake Jr. High School in Lake, MS, and Lawrence High School in Lawrence, MS.

On July 9, 1953, Birlee Hornsby-Hunter was united in holy matrimony with James Willie Hunter in Jackson, MS. Birlee and James migrated to Milwaukee, WI and were blessed with six children.

Birlee was a housewife who loved to can fruit and vegetables, make apple and pear jelly, preserves, loved to bake sweets, gardening, and dipping fish from a Wisconsin lake with James Willie. She loved to help her neighbors in need, so she checked on her elderly neighbors, Ms. Florence and Ms. Jackson. Birlee performed various house chores and cooked for them. She also visited and sat with her former neighbor, Ms. Brooks, who always had the most beautiful garden you could ever imagine. As her children began going to school, Birlee obtained a job at Pitch's Lounge. Years later, she worked for a convalescent nursing facility, and finally worked at Marina View Manor, another nursing facility. She was a

member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for many years until her health started to deteriorate.

Birlee Hornsby-Hunter departed this life on March 14,2023. She was preceded in death by: parents, James Mack Hornsby Jr. and Alberta Harris-Hornsby; husband, James Willie Hunter; three sisters, Arlee Brown, Willie Mae Rainey, and Myrtis Parrett; brother, Henry Hornsby; daughter, Deborah Ann Hunter; and her youngest son, James Earl Hunter.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: cousin, Eorlecn Johnson, who she grew up with in Lake, MS; children, Henry Hunter, Gregory Hunter, Geanette Hunter, and Annette (David) Fayne; grandchildren; great grandchildren; a generation of nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending love and sympathy to our family during this time of loss and bereavement for cousin Birlee. We are thinking of you and praying for comfort and strength for family and friends.*
Love, Rhenaye Hornsby & Family

Rhenaye Hornsby - March 29, 2023 at 01:01 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family and friends during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless, comfort, strengthen and keep you all. With our deepest sympathy, love your cousins*
Cornelia Annette Hornsby Moorer and family unit 🌹🌹🌹💖

Cornelia Moorer - March 29, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Natina lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Birlee Hornsby Hunter*



natina - March 27, 2023 at 02:15 PM

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“ *she was the best grandma in the world*

natina - March 27, 2023 at 02:14 PM