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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

WOMEN! BE DETERMINED! GO FOR IT!



BEYOND CIRCUMSTANCES*

By Wanda J. Burnside

*Women have the strength, perseverance, wit, faith,
and love that go beyond any circumstance.*

**In her *trembling voice* you could . . .
Still hear the strain,**

And feel her deep piercing pain.

In her *watery downcast eyes* you could . . .

See deep flowing rivers of sorrow,

And puzzling thoughts about tomorrow.

But, in her *radiant sunburst smile* you could...

Surely believe and certainly tell,

That no matter what---

ALL IS WELL!

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*"Now unto him (Christ) that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that
we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us..."
(Ephesians 3:20-21a KJV).*

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The Shunammite mother and her son

Dear Readers,

I guess you can't believe that I have a lady riding hurriedly on a horse. You're probably wondering what that photo has to do with Mother's Day. Where are the flowers? Where are the pretty things for Moms? Don't worry, they're here.

See, I had to write about my very favorite Bible story! Oh, I just love, love the story about the **Shunammite woman in II King 4: 8-37**. I feel that it is a great story for **Mother's Day**.

The Shunammite woman was known to be an honorable, upright and just woman. She was married, but she did not have children. She spent most of her time being faithful as a wife and a woman who cared about others.

The prophet Elisha had worship services and other religious events near her home. She watched him going to and fro doing his ministry work. She even made bread for him to eat. However, she was concerned about him travelling from one place and another. She felt that he should have a comfortable place to rest and stay when he was in their area. Therefore, she asked her husband if he could build an addition to their house for Elisha to stay.

Her husband agreed to build a room for him. His wife, the Shunammite woman, wanted it furnished with a bed, nightstand table with a candlestick, and a stool. Now, she was a real DIY: Do-it-Yourself interior designer and everything. Elisha was

thankful for their kindness. He loved staying in this comfortable and accommodating place. The Shunammite woman made sure that he was well taken care of.

Since she and her husband showed great hospitality, Elisha the Prophet wanted to do something special for her. He asked his servant, Gehazi, about this kind and caring woman. Elisha wanted to know what he could do for her. Gehazi told Elisha that he observed that she did not have a child and her husband is old. And so, Elisha thought that this would be the perfect gift for her to have.

Well, Elisha had her to come to the door of his room and he prophesized over her that she would be with child or pregnant and have her baby the next year. His prophesy came to pass! She had a baby boy just as he said.

The baby grew up and he was old enough to work out in the field with his father. However, on a very hot day, the boy got overheated. He probably had sunstroke. He told his father that he wasn't feeling well. He said, *"My head! My head!"* He was about to pass out. His father got one of the men to take his son back home to his mother who was the Shunammite woman.

They brought her son to her and she held him on her lap and tried to take care of him, but he grew worse and died. Now, she did not scream or cry! She just got up, carried her dead son in her arms and went right into the room that she had her husband to build for Elisha to stay. She laid her son on his bed, left the room, shut the door and went to her husband.

Now, with no screaming or groaning, she merely asked her husband to get one of the men to get her a horse for her to ride to Elisha. Her husband asked her some questions to check her out about why she was doing this strange thing. But, she just said, *"It is well."* He looked and she said nothing more. As soon as their helper got the horse ready, she was off to see Elisha. She rode her horse like it had wings to fly!

As she approached the place where Elisha was, the men were looking at her riding her horse like something was on fire! They even said, *"Look! Here comes that Shunammite!"*

NOW...IT WAS ON! SHE WAS READY TO HAVE IT HER WAY! SHE WAS NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH....NOTHING!

Elisha tried to get one of his helpers to go out to her and find out what was wrong.

He asked questions: *"Is it your husband, is there something wrong with the child?"* But, she told him, *"It is well."* She wasn't about to tell him anything! She came to speak to Elisha!

She saw Elisha. So she went on the hill and grabbed him by his feet. She wanted him to know that I need you to come NOW WITH ME. However, he did not go! Gehazi tried to push her away, but she DID NOT MOVE! Elisha told Gehazi to let her alone because her soul was upset and something is wrong.

She spoke up and said to Elisha, ²⁸ *"Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?"* In other words, *"Did I ask for a child? I told you not to play around with me!"* She wasn't going to have none of this CRAZINESS!

And still Elisha and Gehazi had a plan to have this mother to do it their way by having a special way of handling the dead child. However, Mama Shunammite was not having any of it! She was strong-willed and determined! She told Elisha that she wasn't going to leave him there. In other words, he better get on that horse, mule or something and get up and come right this minute. He better not play with her!

³⁰ *"And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her."*

Elisha went into her house, went up to the room where the boy laid dead and he did as God instructed him to do. Mama Shunammite was looking on! Her son sneezed a few times and he was alive! A miracle happened...God raised her son from death to life!

SO, MOTHERS AND WOMEN:

Be faithful to the Lord.

Care about others.

Do good things to bless someone.

Stay faithful to God.

Give your offerings.

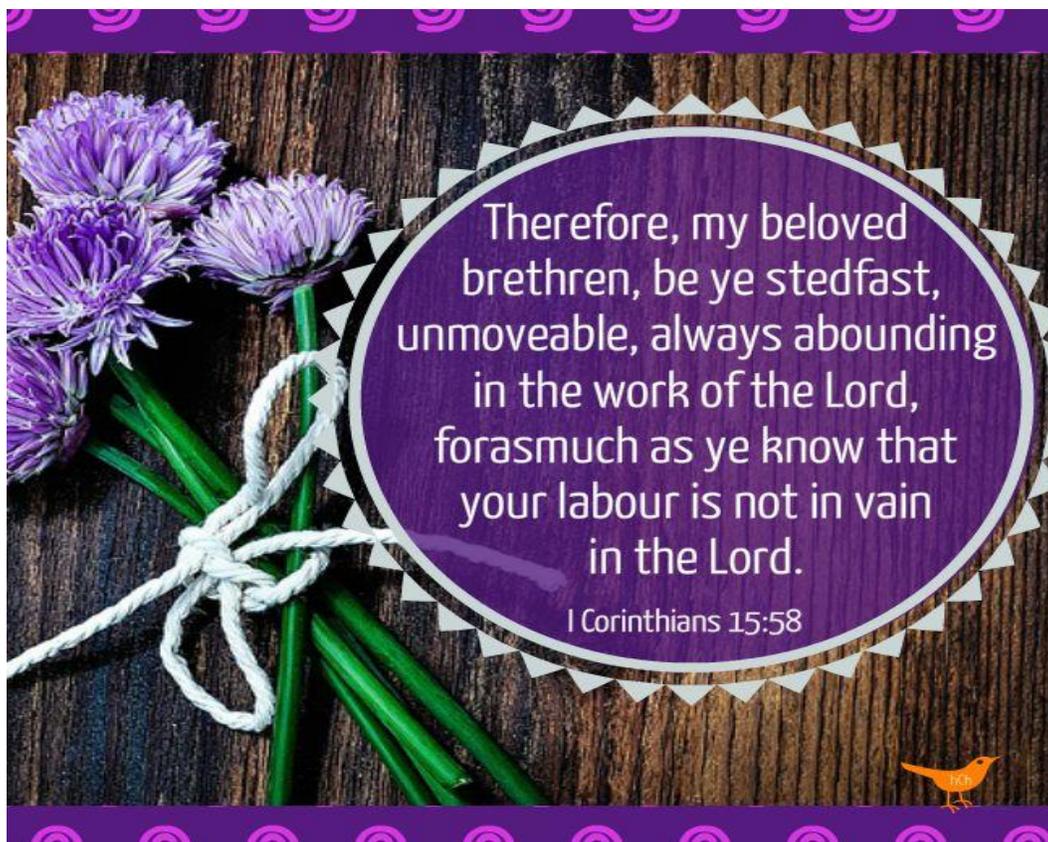
Do your best.

God will provide.

Do not let go of your promise from the Lord.

Stay strong!
Be determined no matter what.
Go after what is yours.
Hold on.
Keep God's promises in your heart.
Remain steadfast and unmovable.
Cling to God and don't let the circumstances in life take over.
Refuse to give-up!
Don't back down!
Rejoice! Your BLESSING IS COMING!

**MOTHERS! WOMEN...Be just like Mama Shunammite!
Be Determined!**



In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Katie Elizabeth Palm Holloway

April 18, 1932 - April 12, 2019



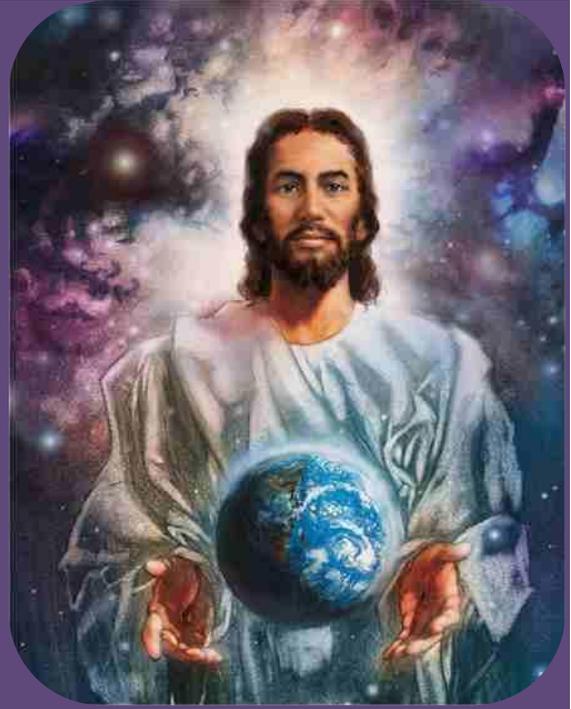
She was More Than a Conqueror

Recently, our dear Aunt Katie went Home to be with the Lord. She's the last family member of the Elder Minor Palm, Sr. and Missionary Marie Palm's family group. They were her beloved parents and our precious grandparents. Katie was the baby in the family. Preceding her were her parents and siblings: Elder Minor Palm, Jr., Mrs. Lorraine Palm Gardner and Mrs. Lillian Palm Johnson.

At this time, I cannot write much more than this. I am still hurting so much. She was so sweet, kind, loving and caring. A full tribute will be written at another time.

Aunt Katie leaves to mourn her life and memory: Her four children- Mrs. Marcia Washington (Mr. Anthony Washington), Mr. Stanford Holloway (Mrs. Hope Holloway), Ms. Lisa Holloway and Mr. Patrick Holloway. She also has a granddaughter, Payton. Michele Barnes and I are one of her many nieces. She also has many nephews. We all love her...now and forever.

-----Wanda J. Burnside and Michele Barnes



You Are God's Creation

By Ramelle T. Lee ©2017

Meditation Scripture: (Psalm 139:14 KJV).

*“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”*

YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL! You are one of a kind! You are unique in many ways. What has God done in your life? Do you realize what He has uniquely done to make you so special? You were born with something special and unique. Your characteristics are not like anyone else. You are God's unique creation. You don't really understand how wonderfully you were made.



Have you ever taken the time to look in the mirror to see yourself as God sees you? Are you happy with whom you have become? Do you like who you are? What are your thoughts and opinion of what you look like to God? How do you feel?

It's time that you discover who you are in God. Keep your eyes opened to see who God has made you to become. You are a miracle made in God's image, His likeness. You may not always feel significant, important or worthy. However, you must get a new attitude and disposition about yourself. It is time to come away from negative people who will destroy the true you! Stay away from situations that will bring you down!

God has planted or placed you in this world to be a part of His kingdom. God can use you! He wants you to help change lives. He can work in your life if you let Him! You can help others because there is something extra special about you. You can give others hope. They will be lifted inspired and encouraged! Your life will be a light to show them how to see Jesus. They will learn of His power and work as you allow Him to work through you.

You are unique and needed by the Lord. Sure, you have experienced sorrow and hurts in

your life that have caused you pain, suffering and grief. But, God has kept you through every storm or hard time. No matter what Satan has done, God has been there for you. He brought you through to be victorious!



In God's eyes, you are newly created! You are a new person! God made you anew when you accepted His Son, Jesus Christ. You made the right choice to allow Jesus into your heart. Now, this has opened the door for Him to enter in to show you the way to live a better life.

God has transformed your way of thinking. Now, you can see Him more clearly. As you read God's Word in the Holy Bible, your life will ultimately change from the inside out. You will become reborn, changed and empowered with a brand new life in Christ! The love of God will live inside of you. He will lead and guide your every step.

Realize that God has given you His power to further build your character. With His help, you will be able to tear down false images or thoughts of hopelessness. You will see that they can interfere with who God has called you to become.

When you were formed in your mother's womb, God already had His hands on your life.

You are somebody special to Him. You were always created to share His love with people. You have been chosen to be used by God.

You have been given a mandate or godly orders to take God's Word everywhere. Stand for what is right, true and honest. God has placed His Words in your heart. You are equipped to share His love. You can help those who are not living for God! You have His power to reach out to those who are uncertain or unsure as to whom they are in Christ. You can help them to discover who God has created them to become.

Proudly serve God, the Almighty Master of the Universe. Follow the Holy Spirit as He leads your life. You will receive God's blessings. Every false thought or image of yourself will be destroyed! You are God's amazing creation! There is nobody like you!

I praise you,

*for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.*

Wonderful are
your works;
my soul knows
it very well.

-Psalm 139:14





Lord, We Thank You for Our “Mothers” By Michele Barnes

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for all the many blessings and many miracles that only You provide in giving us “Mothers.” It’s with Your grace and mercy that we stand with pride and thankfulness for their hard work and devotion. Oh, how they try to love everyone that their arms can reach! We boldly claim our love for You Lord and celebrate this empowerment! We thank You Jesus for “Mothers!”

Amen



“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4).

We Give Special Honors
to
MUM SHIRLEY HICKMAN
of
Australia



Mum Shirley Hickman is the mother of Sandra Hickman the Australia ministry leader and staff writer for The Lamp Newsletter. Mum Shirley also has two other daughters: Gaye and Debbie. She is a grandmother and great-grandmother. Pastor Raymond Nsalance is one of her sons-in-law. He is married to Tari who is one of Sandra's daughters (Bindi is her other daughter). They are the pastors and founders of Jabez Ministries and Missions International in Australia.

The love of Mum Shirley's heart was her dearly beloved husband, Mr. Colin Hickman. They were married for many years. God blessed them to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. They faithfully served Him and touched lives for Christ. On August 1, 2016, Mr. Hickman was called Home to be with the Lord.

Mum loves her family, friends and the Lord with all of her heart.

GOD BLESS YOU, MUM SHIRLEY!



A ROYAL BIRTH

***Congratulations!
May God Bless***

Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

They have welcomed their first child, a boy.

He was born on Monday, May 6, 2019

at

5:26 a.m.

Weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces



Royal baby name revealed: Prince Harry and Meghan name son Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. The new royal baby is named **Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor**.



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Mothers are very special

There is no love, like a mother's love
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth

A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

Happy Mother's day





We salute all women who are caring and loving in our lives:

Grandmothers, Godmothers, Foster Care Mothers

Aunties

Sisters

Nieces and Cousins

School Teachers and Educators

Doctors and Nurses

Pastors' Wives and Church Leaders

Neighbors

Good Friends

And MORE!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

"If Roses grow in Heaven"

If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,
place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my
heart that will never go away.

Author ~ Kirsten Preus

“When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ It is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.”

—ERMA BOMBECK



Mother

*A Mother always understands
the things you say and do.
She overlooks each of your faults,
she finds the best in you.*

*A Mother's love is a special love,
it inspires you each day.
She spreads her joy and happiness,
in her warm and caring way.*

*A Mother's all these things and more,
there's no greater treasure known.
The most precious Mother in all the world...*

...Is the one i call my own.





“A Happy & Blessed Mother’s Day”

**From Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry Leader
and Lamp Staff Writer ...**

Dear friends and readers,

I would like to share with you my article entitled “Five Minutes”. I received this under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit deep into the wee hours of the morning of the 4th of February in 2017. When I thought I would be sleeping, the Holy Spirit came. Laying in my bed, I found myself speaking out loud to Him saying, **“Lord, where has the time gone?”** He showed me how fast life passes us by. This message is as relevant now as it was then... perhaps even more so, considering how fast the last two years have flown by!

“Five Minutes”



Five minutes ago it was Christmas. Now it's February.

Soon It'll be Christmas!! Five minutes ago I used to be

five, seeing Christmas through baby-eyes. Five minutes later I was a young girl, giddy and wide-eyed, wanting to be older, longing for eighteen to come. Five minutes ago I was middle aged. Well now... let's face it, I was middle aged a few years before five minutes ago! Where did all those minutes go?

Five minutes ago I had two baby girls of my own. My little family. What felt like five minutes later I had eight grand-babies. The family had expanded. The minutes had snuck up on me and jetted past real quick! If I had known how fast five minutes can go, I would have taken more time to get there.

In five minutes, you can fall in love, you can make life changing decisions. In five minutes someone can die. Five minutes of life is not something to think lightly of. You can choose to have five minutes of valuable time, work time, rest time, fun time, wasted time. You can do a lot in five minutes! Five minutes can drag by if you're feeling sad, but fly by when you're happy. Better to be happy.... or at least try thinking about it!

Then, one joyous day which still feels like "five" minutes ago everything changed. My happiness came! In one nano-second of five minutes, I found Jesus! Oh, that was the best five minutes I ever had! Five minutes defining the remainder of my life forever. Since that nano-second in time, every five minutes and five seconds of my life became more precious. In five minutes' time I'll be experiencing something new because every minute with Jesus is a joy It's another moment in which to be both blessed, and a blessing! Another moment to

praise the Name above all other names. A God-appointed set aside time of anointed visitation with my cross-borne Savior.

Five minutes here, Five minutes there adds up to a lifetime. So, what is five minutes worth? I believe five minutes on a deathbed is time enough to change your destination.... if you've a mind to. And seeing Jesus can change your mind in five seconds! In five minutes you can fall in love. Or you can lose someone. In five minutes you can make a life changing decision which will turn your whole world upside down, and land you on your feet in a brand new place. You can do a lot in five minutes!

In the next five minutes.... or seconds, you may have to make a decision to know Christ. To know the real Jesus, and you may wish you had taken five minutes to know about Him. Five minutes to surrender your life to Him. Five precious, never to be repeated minutes of time, where surrendering to Jesus means being found under His grace, the very saving grace of your life. Five minutes of earthly time swapped for a lifetime in everlasting eternal glory. Because where He is, is glorious!

Five minutes ago it was 1.15am and five minutes before that the Holy Spirit gave me the bones and framework of this word to write. Now, more than quite a few five-minute-moments have gone past, and five minutes later (or so....) here it is! In five minutes time my eyelids will flutter, too heavy to hold open, and in another five minutes I will be asleep. I'm so glad I spent this valuable "five minutes worth of time" writing to you. ~ Yeah, you can do a lot in five minutes.

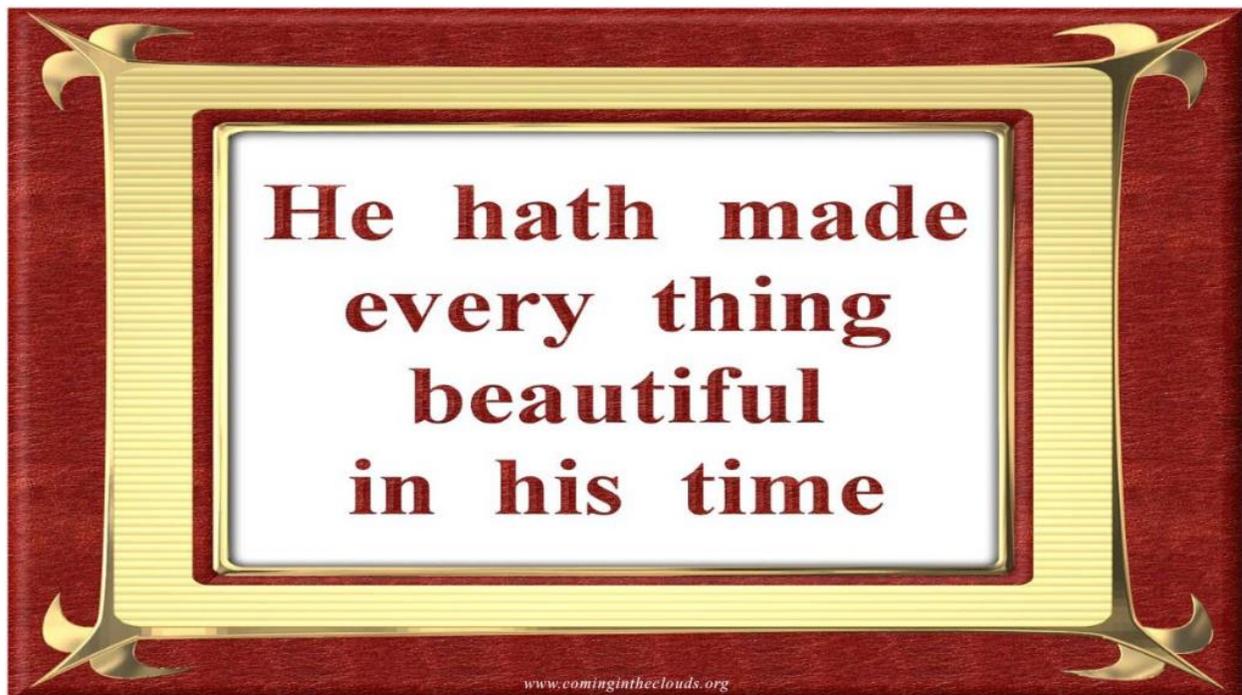


In conclusion.... as we ponder this “5 minute world” we all live in, let us spare the next five minutes thinking about the mothering-moments of the Mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. God’s precious Mary, chosen for the most glorious yet equally difficult Motherhood assignment of all time! I can’t help but think how she would have wished for just five more minutes with her precious Son before the cross.

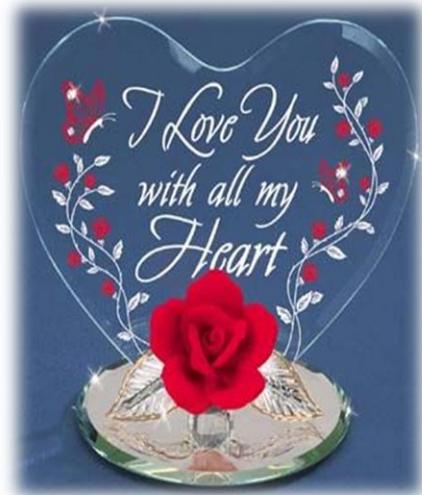


“I pray that we as women who are the natural nurturers God has assigned to this lost and hurting world, always remember to cherish every “5 minute moment” the Holy Spirit ushers our way in which to make a difference ~ In Jesus name Amen”

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Birthday Memorial
Regina Morna Palm
May 29th



Regina,
I will always love and remember you.
You are my beautiful and sweet baby sister.
I miss you so much.

Your sister,
Wanda J. Burnside

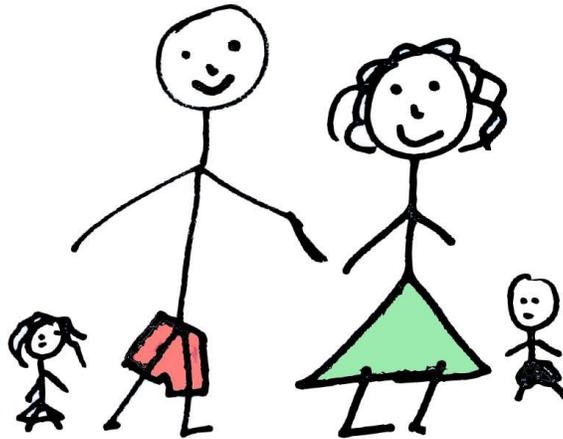


Happy 70th Birthday To the Lee Twins



***Author Ramelle T. Lee and Reverend Lovelle Lee
1949 - May 25, 2019***

***"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice
and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24 KJV).***



This is a child's view of their family.

I love it!

What do you see?

Pray for families.

Strong Women

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.

In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.

- Maya Angelou

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