



## Marie Sovella Little

October 23, 1940 - April 3, 2024

We give God all the praise and honor for creating a living vessel that served God faithfully to the fullest until he whispered, Well Done thy good and faithful servant, as she slept on April 3, 2024. Sovella was born in, Union County to the late Roy Lee Little Sr and Dewie Lee Funderburke Little on October 23, 1940, who preceded her in death. She was the was the last surviving sibling. Sovella attended Clear Creek Elementary School (J.H. Gunn Elementary) and received her diploma from Second Ward High School.

Sovella worked at Berlin's Pawn Shop and had an outstanding career at Eastern Airlines, which allowed her to travel to many locations. After Eastern Airlines, she worked at Marriott Host International at Charlotte Douglas Airport, where she met numerous people, including Stephanie Moore Hand. Sovella retired and returned to work at Kerr Drugs (now CVS) in the pharmacy where she met two besties, Brent Clevenger and Diana Payne. Sovella attended Rock Hill AME Zion at an early age, and later in life, she joined St. Marks United Methodist Church. Sovella loved her church families and any given Sunday; you knew where she was sitting, as she clapped furiously when "Maestro" (Fernando Little), played her favorite song! You could count on her to holler and direct the choir from her seat! Sovella served at St. Marks in previous ministries, as an Usher, Co-Circle Leader, and an active member of Circle #5. Sovella attended St. Marks until up until her health declined. Sovella loved family gatherings like reunions and Nascar race parties and could be counted on to bring Sweet Tea to every event. Affectionately called "Sue,

Bella Bella, Bell, Veela” and Marie Babe, Sovella never met a stranger, she extended love to all and every time she went out, she acknowledged you with “Be Still Let Me Get Your Picture”. She was the epitome of “ Carpe Diem” (seize every moment)! Her favorite hobby was shopping at the Thrift Store (she would say “child this was only .25 cents”) and she created fabulous outfits from what she called “My Pickens”! Her favorite sayings, were “I Feel Good, I’m doing the James Brown”, “You Want My Number, “I’m Trusting”, “I Don’t Know Why”, “Won’t He Do it”, “Errbody Just Ain’t Able”, “911 What’s Your Emergency” (if you called before noon), “May I have the Breaking News”, “Call the Fire Department” (the Choir is on fire), “Unnecessary Roughness, “Let me Have One, Get me One, Bring me One”, “Imma Leave the Light on for You”, “Thank You for Coming” and the one said most, “There Comes a Time” and “Love Love” when you left! Sovella was preceded in death by her youngest brother, Joe, her parents, Roy and Dewie F. Little, brothers, Roy Lee, Charles “Mack”, Jerome, sister Vera, Special Friend – Tad Bogle, nephews, Delwin and Spencer Price, and sister-in-law Aretha Little. She leaves to cherish fond memories her son, Sr. Master Sargent Joel L. Little (Raquel), grand-sons, Josh, Jordan and Angelo Little, sister -in-laws, Annie Lee Little (Roy Lee), Josephine Little (Charles Mack) and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great- nephews, cousins, and numerous friends. Her circle from the Front Porch - Ted “Chief” and Nelle Little, Roland “Lil Man” Little, Glen “Fireball” Kiser, Harriet, and JB. Therefore, it’s with great resolve that we are saddened by Bella, Bella’s change of address; she was truly one in a Million. We are Happy Glad that God allowed us to have her for 83 years of life that will never die. Her life is now a beacon of light that will continue to inspire!

Luv Luv!

# Cemetery Details

## Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road  
Charlotte, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Mark's United Methodist Church  
917 Clanton Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
(704) 523-7483

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
917 Clanton Road  
Charlotte, NC 28217

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ *Janice Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Marie Little*



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**Janice Vaughn** - April 13, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JV

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Janice Vaughn** - April 13, 2024 at 10:46 AM

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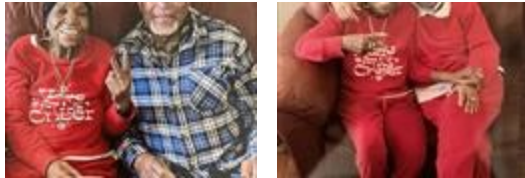
“ *I met her 30 years ago through. My husband Rufus Harris. She always been the same. A wonderful person you will be missed.*  
*Terisa Harris*

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**Terisa Harris** - April 12, 2024 at 10:25 PM

JR

“ Galatians 5:22-23 describes *The Fruit of the Spirit* as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control all of which were personified in “WANT MY NUMBER “!! We will cherish the times we spent together and especially 2/7/2024 when we last visited you. RIP  
Cuz...you will be sorely missed!!  
LUV, LUV, James & Wendy Russell



James & Wendy Russell - April 12, 2024 at 11:06 AM

NR

I (Nancy Russell) will also miss you dearly Sovella. These photos are priceless. Rest in heavenly peace. 🙏

Nancy E Russell - April 13, 2024 at 09:35 AM

MP

“ I met Marie Sovella when we both were hired with Eastern Airlines and that was a long time ago. Over the years I have been a part of her immediate and extended family and we shared so many good times and bad times together (more good than bad) so this has been extremely hard for me. I have loved you like a mother and you will be truly missed.

Marilyn Perry  
aka, Nene Flower

Marilyn Perry - April 12, 2024 at 09:05 AM

MP

“ Marilyn Perry lit a candle in memory of Marie Little



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Marilyn Perry - April 12, 2024 at 08:52 AM

DW

“ I met Vella many many years ago, through her niece Cheryl Price BIRTHA. I grew to love Vella and I truly enjoyed seeing her be the life of the party at all times. Vella you are already missed. I won't say goodbye I'll just say see you later my Angel!❤️

Deborah Wilson

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Deborah Wilson - April 10, 2024 at 11:30 PM

SW

Vella was a cousin of mine. I knew her all my life. She was such a joy to be around. She was always happy, positive and full of love. As Deborah Wilson said " you are already missed". I still see your smile. We know that " to be with the Lord. You have to be absent from the body. Continue to smile upon us. You will always be my heart. I know you will rejoice in Paradise because you like have fun. Luv, Luv!

Sharon Washington ( Gilliam twin)

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Sharon Washington - April 12, 2024 at 07:41 AM

CF

“ chettie and family lit a candle in memory of Marie Little



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chettie little and family - April 10, 2024 at 05:27 PM

CL

“ My deepest sympathies go out to you during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss and am sending my love and support.” “I hope that you find comfort ...

chettie little - April 10, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CB

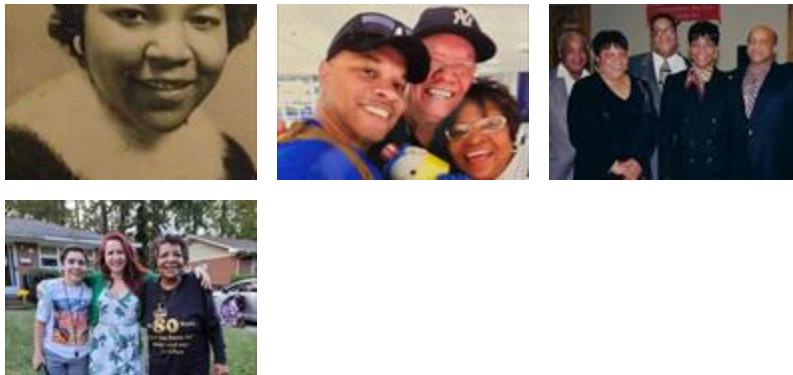
“ The broken chain is Linked   Love forever



Cheryl Price Birtha - April 10, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - April 10, 2024 at 04:00 PM