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OFFICIATING PASTOR: KAY POWELL

Queen Anne

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OFFICIATING
KAY POWELL
BLESSED KINGDOM BUILDER'S MINISTRY

PROCESSIONAL
Minister & Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament | Minister
New Testament | Minister

PRAYER
Minister

SELECTION
Tonia Martin
Open My Heart

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES
Ken Green

REMARKS
Friends & Family
(Limit 2 minutes please)

OBITUARY
Linda & Kenisha Green

SELECTION
Tonia Martin
Take Me to the King

EULOGY
Kay Powell

RECESSIONAL

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A Beautiful Life

Alberta Lee Frank, affectionately known to family and friends as "Blackgal," was called home to be with our Lord on Saturday May 11, 2019, in Elk Grove, California. Alberta was born June 19, 1949 in Church Point, Louisiana to the late Joseph and Alberta Willis, taking her place of honor as "The Baby of the Family." She was the last of their 10 children.

As a student at Washington High School, she excelled in academics while also being involved in a variety of activities within the Student Union including the Library Social Club where she was chosen as the Library School Sweetheart her senior year. She graduated in 1967 and shortly married her high school sweetheart John Louis Frank. She and John had three children, Kevin, Karin (Michele), and Kendall (Boo).

In 1971, Alberta and her three children relocated to Sacramento, California to be closer to family who had already migrated out west themselves in search of prosperity and a better life. This transition occurred while John was stationed in Vietnam serving as a member of the US Air Force. John was discharged after serving his four year commitment and joined his family in California. He preceded her in death in 1990.

In 1992, she remarried the love of her life Wilbur (Frog) Etienne, they stayed happily married until he was called home to rest in 2001. Alberta and Wilbur both shared similar passions for things such as cooking, traveling, Reno, and most of all the love for their two dogs Fugee and Blackee.

Alberta worked for Pacific Bell for 28 years. During her many years at Pacific Bell, she worked in several areas, and held many titles, such as a coin operator and 611 operator. She often shared stories of her outspoken customers, who would frustrate her, pushing her customer service skills to their limits. She often expressed to family that they were the reason she did not like to speak or answer her phone, while at home away from work. Alberta was offered and accepted an early retirement in 2001.

Upon retirement and the sudden passing of her beloved husband Wilbur, Alberta found herself searching to replace the void left from his departure and early retirement. She moved on to her so-called unofficial second career as a nurturing grandmother, auntie, and child care provider. She cared for many children within the family at her home. This gave her the joy and comfort she needed to fulfill her time and emptiness that was left by Wilbur's passing. She loved children and was devoted to care for them.

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Alberta's hobbies and interests included shopping online, cooking, gambling, having a good time with family, and last but not least... traveling. You can always ensure she had all three televisions on simultaneously while shopping on QVC and HSN channels. Her love and desire to cook was a family tradition that was passed down from her mother. The aroma of food could be smelled at the front door upon entering the house as she made her famous gumbos, shrimp or crawfish etouffees and many other Cajun/Creole dishes. Mardi Gras Season was a favorite of hers as well. She would play her Zydeco music and drink wine for days while quoting many Cajun-French sayings spoken by her mother to her as a little girl such as "Laissez les bons temps rouler," which means "Let the good times roll."

Her passion for traveling was reacquainted over the last five years while residing with her son Kevin and his wife Chara. Along with other family members, she would attend annual trips back home to Lake Charles, LA, where she would spend a few days in Houston, TX. with her older sister Eva and several nieces (Marie, Pat, Betty, Jackie, Brownie, Shoney, etc....) nephew Junie, and the remainder of Madea's clan of Double Thomases before continuing on to Lake Charles to visit with her older brothers (Bumbie, Ernest, and Roy) and many other relatives. She would spread her time with each one evenly to avoid any conflict. Her visits back home were never complete without sitting and chatting with her mother's only living sibling and lookalike, her Aunt Mary.

Alberta lived life to the fullest, evident by her ability to see the good in all things. She loved in the purest form, making all feel welcome and like family. Family was a foundational source of Alberta's energy and unwavering capacity to love.

Alberta was preceded in death by her father Joseph Willis, mother Alberta Willis, brothers Joseph Jr., Ernest Willis and husbands John Frank and Wilbur Etienne.

Alberta leaves to cherish her memories, sons Kevin (Chara) Frank and Kendall Frank of Elk Grove., CA, daughter Karin Brown of Sacramento, CA., seven (7) siblings, Isaac (Bumbie) Willis of Lake Charles, LA., Eva (Madea) Thomas of Houston TX., Julia (Sis) Thomas of Sacramento, CA., Merdis (Totie) Dawson of Dallas, TX., Cora Lee Nance of Sacramento, CA., Mary (Marybell/Ma'noon) Grant of Sacramento, CA., and Roy (Brotha) Willis of Lake Charles, LA., eight (8) grandchildren, Kourtney Frank of Elk Grove, CA., Ryan and Michael Bozart of Sacramento, CA., Kevin Jr., Ketwaun, Kearee, Karina Frank of Elk Grove., CA., Karyn Brown of Sacramento, CA, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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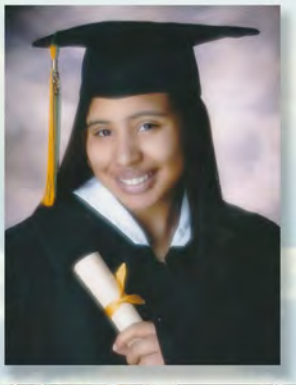

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Remember Me

Remember me with smiles not tears,
for all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours,
a love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace... try to believe,
It was my time... I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near.
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you... you sill be,
Right by my side... right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by Heaven's door,
We'll be united... Evermore!

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Pallbearers

KEVIN FRANK JR • KETWAUN FRANK • JAYLEN FRANK
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Honorary Pallbearers

GERARD LONDON • BRIAN LONDON • JOEL WILLIS
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Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, flowers or spoke the kindest words one could say. Perhaps you were not here at all, and just thought of us on this day. Perhaps you sent food or phoned to ask what we may need, whatever you did to console our hearts we truly thank you for that part. The family of Alberta Lee Frank thanks you for your genuine acts of kindness, prayers and compassion in our time of grief.

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