

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

*– Isaiah 26:19<sub>NLT</sub>*

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

*Lila*  
Stewart Reese

*"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"*

**SUNRISE**

June 19, 1940

**SUNSET**

October 18, 2024

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Saturday, November 2, 2024  
11:00 AM

**St. John Baptist Church**

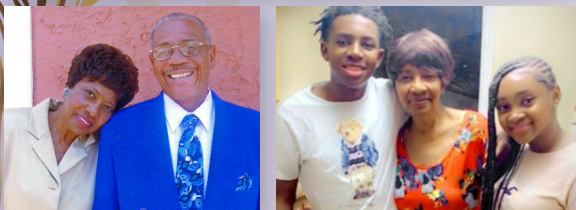
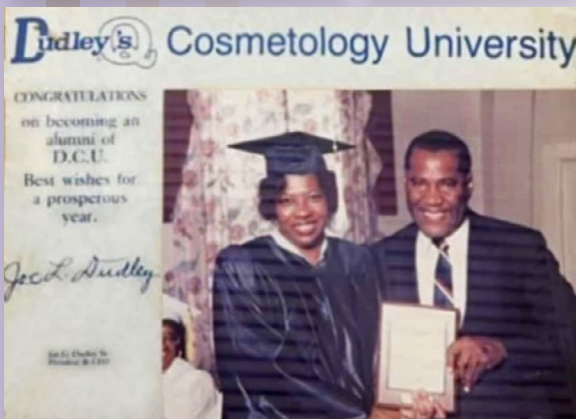
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Orlando, FL 32805

*Dr. Rolous Frazier, Senior Pastor*

**Presiding – Elder Timothy L. Brinson**  
Door of Hope Ministries, Inc.







# A LEGACY™

*a heritage: character qualities, memoirs . . .*

MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME

Lila Ola Stewart Reese was born on June 19, 1940 in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida to her parents, the late Ceasar Haywood Robinson and Victoria Thompson Robinson Bassa. Lila was the third child born to this union, and while her young parents traveled from County to County for work in order to make ends meet, Lila and her siblings were loved and cared for by their paternal grandmother Arean, who was a devout Christian.

Grandmother Arean taught her grandchildren about Jesus and His love for all. Her teachings included bedtime prayers, saying Grace before meals, reading Bible verses, singing songs of praise, and attending Sunday School. Lila developed into a devout disciple of Jesus and was baptized at the age of 13.

Lila's formal education began at Sweet Field Elementary and/or St. Rilla Elementary in Lloyd, Florida. Her family eventually relocated to Sanford (Midway), Florida where she continued to receive her formative education before her family ultimately settled down in Orlando. This was where Lila was blessed to attend the historic Jones High School, where she was a part of the Cheer Team. She studied and received a certificate in Cosmetology, and passed the Florida State Board to become a licensed Cosmetologist, graduating in the class of 1960.

Lila's career started with a mentorship with Ms. Thelma Reed while working at The House of Beauty. She later worked at Wright's Beauty Salon before realizing her dream of opening her own professional salon, which she did in 1982. *Stewart's Hair Affair* quickly became known as one of Orlando's premier beauty salons, famous for her specialized process of creating a Jerry Curl that was second to none. She continued to study and expound on her expertise by attending Dudley's Cosmetology University, becoming an Alumni of this prestigious advanced growth opportunity. Lila honed her craft to perfection and paved the way for many aspiring cosmetologists in Central Florida to also achieve their dreams.

In 1984 Lila married the love of her life, Frankie Rudolph Reese, who preceded her in death in 2016. This powerful love duo created many beautiful memories and loved their beautiful blended family well. Lila was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, friend and reached many of the youth she loved well through her church families over the years. After retiring from *Stewart's Hair Affair*, Lila continued to service a few of her clients that were adamant that she continued to serve them, and serve she did after she and Frankie established her a home salon that allowed her to continue doing what she loved.

Lila enjoyed going to church, shopping, traveling, family outings, ice cream, and collecting ceramic angels and praying hands. She was a dedicated and active member of the Door of Hope Ministries, Inc., under the leadership of Apostle Erlene Scott Brinson. Lila was loved and will be missed by all those who knew her and loved her well.

Lila was preceded in death by her **mother** – Victoria Thompson Robinson Bassa, **father** – Ceasar Robinson, **son** – Richard Stewart, **husband** – Frankie Reese, **sister** – Brenda Bassa Young, and her **brothers** – Cornell and Calvin.

She leaves behind to cherish many memories of a life well-lived:

Her **children** – Robert “Bobby” Stewart, Ronald (Tiffany) Stewart, Tracee Stewart, and Tyquaria (Elizabeth) Stewart Reese;

**stepchildren** – Frankie (Cherie) Reese Jr., Alfonso (Deborah) Reese Sr., Jerry Reese, Randy Brown, Jackie Reese, Felecia Reese Redding, and James Ross;

**siblings** – Maxine, Lorettha, Janie, Gary, Hercules, Cynthia, Joe, Nadine, Gwendolyn, Ceasar Jr., Ceasar Jerome, Lizzy, Jackie, and Kenny;

a host of **grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren;**

**best friend** – Ella Florence Jones; **Godchildren** – Doris Wright, Barbara Johnson, Maria Kirkland, Alvin “AC” (Lynda) Crawford, and many more;

a host of **aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.**

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*Music Provided By Rev. Denise Dunston and The Celebration Singers*

*Videography – Curtis Branson Media*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**The Crowning of Our Queen** ..... Tamara Stewart and Tyquaria Stewart Reese

**Processional** – “*What a Mighty God We Serve*” ..... Officiants and Family

**Invocation** ..... Pastor Larry Curry  
*Associate Minister at Joshua Generation Outreach Church – Orlando*

**Lessons from the Scripture** (*Door of Hope Ministries, Inc.*)  
Old Testament – *Psalm 23* ..... Elder Barbara Singleton  
New Testament – *2 Cor. 5:1-8* ..... Elder Rene Caldwell

**Solo** ..... Minister Patricia Blount

**Reflections** (*limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please*)  
As a Friend – Ella Florence Jones  
As a Mentor – Pastor Willie Collier

**Family Tribute** ..... Ronnetta Stewart and Tiffanee Stewart [granddaughters]

**A Dance of Praise** ..... Terri Burns [niece]  
*Executive Artistic Director of Standing Ovation Talent Group*

**Resolutions & Acknowledgments** ..... Elder Benita Jackson  
*Door of Hope Ministries, Inc.*

**Reading of the Legacy** (*silently to soft music*)

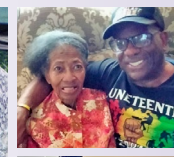
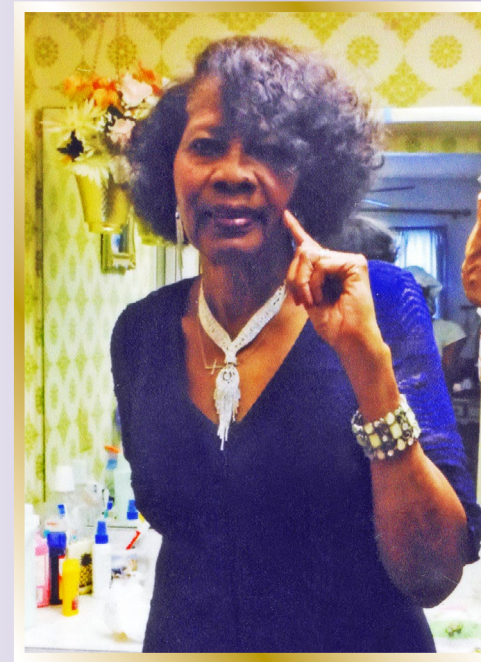
**Solo** ..... Minister Curtis Brunson  
*Minister of Music for St. John Baptist Church*

**Words of Comfort** ..... Apostle Erlene Scott Brinson  
*Senior Pastor, Door of Hope Ministries, Inc. – Orlando*

**Recessional** – “*I’ll Fly Away*”

## REPAST

Immediately following the interment, a repast will be held here at St. John Baptist Church.





*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."*

– Revelation 21:4



## **Pall Bearers**

### **Grandsons**

Marcus Stewart  
Corbin Randall  
Travis Stewart  
Cornelius Stewart  
Darrius Stewart  
Richard Stewart

### **Great Grandson**

Christopher Harris

## **Flower Attendants**

Jones High School  
Friends of the Family

## **Interment**

### **Washington Park Cemetery**

2700 Bruton Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32811

## **In Appreciation**

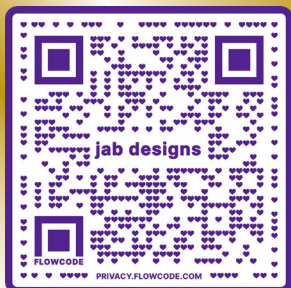
The family of Lila Stewart Reese wishes to extend genuine gratitude and appreciation to all who found so many comforting ways to convey condolences, acts of love, heartfelt sympathy, uplifting words, supporting prayers, or whatever acts of kindheartedness you expressed during this time. A special thank you to Dr. Rolous Frazier and St. John Baptist Church, as well as Pastor Theo Jackson and The Solid Rock United Methodist Church for all the love and support shown to us.

Please accept our sincere gratitude and know that your love and support have meant more to us than mere words could ever express. May God's blessings rain upon each of you! We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

– The Family

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