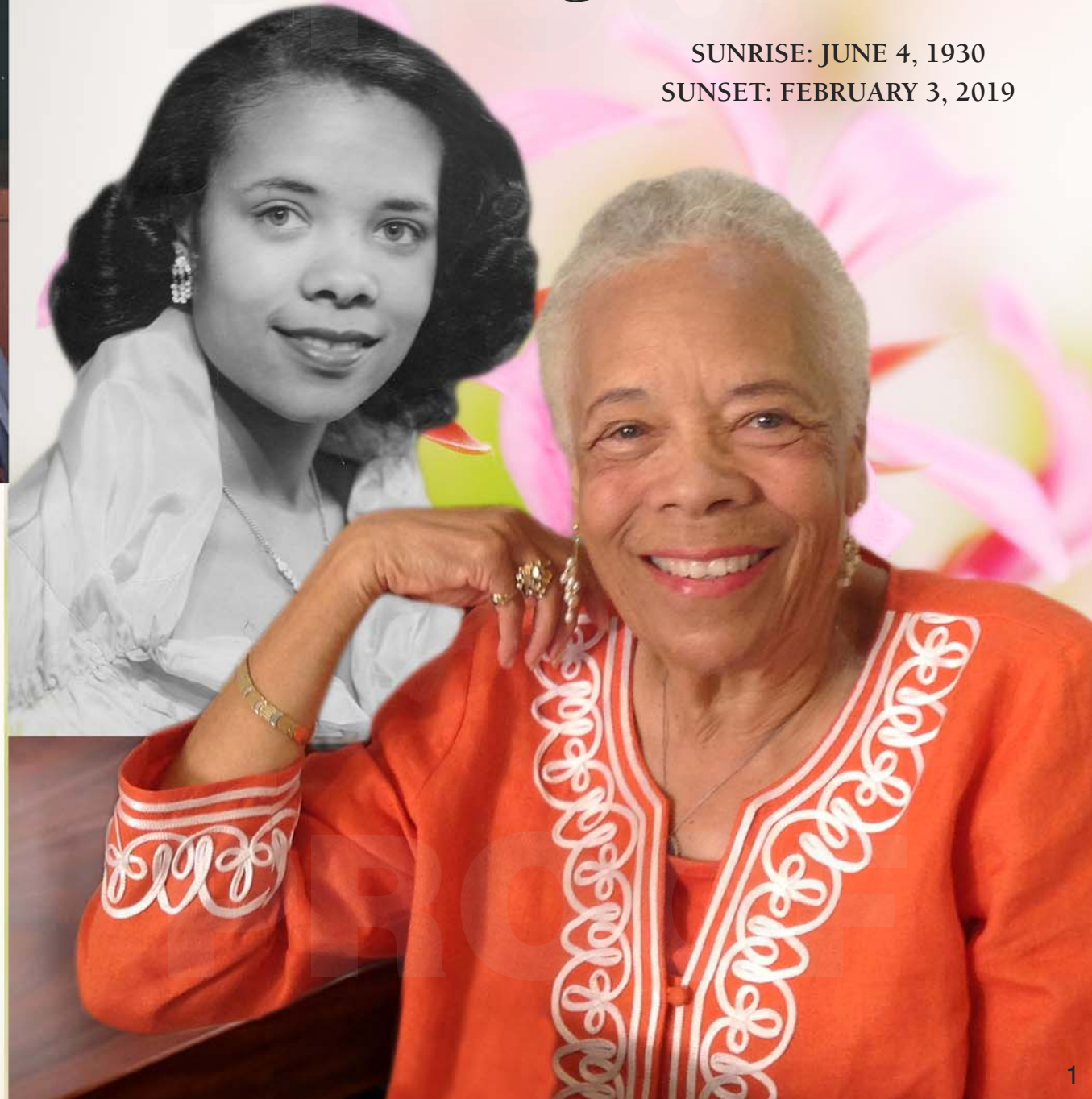




A Celebration of Life For
Bernadene High Coleman

SUNRISE: JUNE 4, 1930
SUNSET: FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Acknowledgements

The Family of Bernadene High Coleman wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, and well-wishers who prayed for our family, visited our home, provided a meal, telephoned long distance, sent floral tributes, cards, numerous text messages and emails of condolences.

A special word of thanks to Annie Dailey, for her tireless support and comfort she provided to her dear sister; to Bernadene's nieces, Sherri and Shana Williams for their assistance to their Aunt and always being on call; to her caregivers, Esther Robbins and Vivian Polk, for their companionship and devotion to meeting her daily needs; to Pastor Reginald Ragland and the members of Knox Presbyterian Church for spiritual comfort and care; to the members of Community of Faith Bible Church for their continual love, support, and prayers; and to Armond Keyes, her favorite caterer, for providing us with this wonderful lunch.

Above all, we thank our awesome God, Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, for His presence in our lives and blessing us with such wonderful family and friends.

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Precious Memories





Order of Celebration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019 – 11:00 AM

Knox Presbyterian Church

5840 La Tijera Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Opening Remarks Courtney Coleman

Prayer Pastor Charlton Davis

Scripture Reading Shana Williams
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Comfort and Hope Pastor Reginald Ragland

Musical Selection “Amazing Grace” Hansonia Caldwell

The Life of Bernadene Coleman Maurice Mouton

Tributes and Remarks AKA Sorority
Knox Presbyterian Church Representative

“When You Thought I Wasn’t Looking” Annie Dailey

Selected Poems of Bernadene Coleman Read by Grandchildren
Candace Coleman, Steven Joshua Coleman, and Amanda Coleman

Precious Memories of Our Mother Courtney, Kevin & Craig Coleman

Acknowledgements Karen Monroe

Blessing of the Meal Pastor Reginald Ragland

Video Presentation During Lunch – Kevin Coleman

The Life of Bernadene Coleman

Bernadene High Coleman, was born June 4, 1930, in Plain Dealing, Louisiana. She was the second of five girls born to the late, Clarence Webb High, and Curlee McCauley High. In the spring of 1944, Bernadene moved with her family from Shreveport, Louisiana to Los Angeles, California. When her mother Curlee passed away in 1946, Bernadene assumed the role of household manager. She became the stabilizer in her family and took on many of the responsibilities of her late mother which included assigning every sister her share of chores to be performed in their home.

Bernadene was a bright student and excelled in her school work. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in June 1947. She continued her education at Los Angeles City College transferring to Cal State University Los Angeles where she graduated with a degree in Education. She later completed her Masters Degree at Loyola Marymount University. Her professional career which spanned over 35 years began in the Pasadena School District and continued on with the Los Angeles School District where she worked in the classroom, as a master-teacher, a coordinator, a reading specialist and in various other capacities.

After a two year courtship, Bernadene married her longtime sweet heart, Lee Taylor Coleman on August 5, 1951. This union was blessed with three sons, Courtney Lee Coleman, Kevin Mark Coleman, and Craig Steven Coleman. Bernadene was married to Lee for 38 years until he passed away in May of 1990. After his passing, she continued to be active with her church and various organizations including, Friendly Educators, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Black Genealogy Group, and Reading is Fundamental.

Bernadene Coleman received Jesus Christ at an early age as her personal Lord and Savior. She was very faithful and committed to serving in the local churches she attended which included Bel Vue, Angeles Mesa, and Knox Presbyterian Churches until her death.

Bernadene always had a passion for books and reading, and after she retired as an educator, she set out to chronicle the events she first heard about in her youth. Her first published work in the form of a novel, 'Mama Rose,' through word of mouth, sold thousands of copies. She also authored two books of poetry, 'Listen My Children' and 'Saffron and Sage' and wrote two more novels, titled 'I Leave You My Dreams and 'Beyond Color.'

Later on in life Bernadene married Charles Pope. They thoroughly enjoyed each other's companionship and Charles became Bernadene's sounding board whenever they discussed her writing projects.

Bernadene enjoyed many years of travel with her family and friends. Her travels took her all across the United States, to Africa, China, Europe, Mexico, Russia, Scandinavia, cruising the Caribbean, and often to one of her favorite places, the beautiful island of Bermuda.

In all of her endeavors she strived for excellence. Bernadene was a wonderful and devoted wife. She worked very well as a team with Lee Coleman and they were tremendously blessed through their planning and hard work. Though Bernadene set high expectations for her children, she always strongly encouraged and supported them in their various pursuits. She and Lee presented their children with many educational and personal enrichment opportunities, but also let them make their own choices. She always stressed the importance of obtaining a good education and throughout her life encouraged young people to excel in their field of interest. Later in life, she was very intentional about supporting a number of historically black colleges and universities.

Bernadene is survived by her children, Courtney L. Coleman (Donna), Kevin M. Coleman (Crystel), and Craig S. Coleman, eight grandchildren: Candace Coleman, Steven Coleman, Jonathan Coleman, Katherine Coleman, Amanda Coleman, Kensley Coleman, Christa Coleman, and Natalie Coleman; and one great-grandchild, Jaren Coleman, her beloved sisters: Annie Dailey, Mercedes Hornsby, and little sis Denise; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. In addition to her late husbands, Lee Coleman, and Charles Pope, she was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters, Barbara Shepherd, and Doris Bonner.

