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# REMEMBERING PAMELIA

Pamelia Lois Legette-Butler, affectionately called "Pam" by friends and "Peaches" by family, was born September 29, 1939 in Galesville, Maryland. She earned her wings on June 22, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and an esteemed public servant. Pamelia is preceded in death by her parents, William Legette, Sr. and Mildred Tooks; brothers, William Legette, Jr. and Roger Parker, Sr.; and a very special and endearing companion, Albert Harmon.

Pamelia attended public schools in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Chicago. She graduated from Eastern High School. She continued to pursue higher education with determination and excellence. Pamelia earned an Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland University College, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore, all with honors.

Pamelia's work history began at the young age of 14 as a soda clerk in a drug store. Over the years, she held various jobs in Baltimore and New York while attending high school. Her professional career began as a Principal Clerk Stenographer for the Baltimore City Department of Education. Her professional career path led to the Social Security Administration in 1964. She held numerous positions, advancing from file clerk to second-line management. Pamelia transferred to the Bureau of Health Insurance, which later became the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She retired in 2009 as a Senior Health Insurance Specialist after 44 years of dedicated service.

Throughout her career, Pamelia was a committed Equal Employment Opportunity counselor, earning recognition for her significant contributions to the agency. She served as an instructor for multiple training programs and was actively involved in several committees and advisory boards. Her expertise was acknowledged when she served as a Quality Improvement Team Facilitator and as an expert witness in medical court cases for the Health Care Financing Administration.

Beyond her government career Pamelia was an active member of various organizations which included The Thursday Luncheon Group, The Black Ski Club, and the SSA Bowling League. Pamelia yachting club ventures started as a member of the Neptune Yacht Club. She was an agent for the club, received numerous awards and eventually held the highest position as the Commodore. She became a delegate and later the Commodore of the Federation of Yacht Clubs, representing boating clubs from Boston to Virginia. She also served as a delegate of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association, where she reigned as the first African-American female Commodore. Pamelia was also a member of The Triple Cs (Chesapeake Commodore Club) and Veterans Yacht Club. Pamelia was a dedicated member of the Eastern Stars and served as the Worthy Matron of the Naomi Grand Chapter in Baltimore, MD.

Pamelia was a dance enthusiast, always on the floor and knew all the new dances. She enjoyed many types of music, going to casinos, attended plays, and shows. Pamelia had many hobbies, which included bowling, pinochle, and collecting nutcrackers and lighthouses. Her love for travel took her to forty-eight states, many islands and countries abroad (Nigeria, former Yugoslavia, Aruba) and cruising with the Oriole's Fan Club. These diverse experiences enriched her life.

Pamelia's greatest achievement, passion, joy and pride was her family. She cherished the friendships she made along the way, maintaining many relationships for over 60 years. She leaves behind a legacy of dedication, hard work, and a passion for education and service. The family and friends of Pamelia Lois Legette-Butler will remember her as a beacon of strength and inspiration, always emphasizing the importance of education and hard work as the ladder to success. Pamelia was a petite woman with a strong voice, a powerful mind and an extraordinary determination, who stood her ground throughout her journey.

Pamelia's "five minutes of fame" came twice: once when her picture was published in the Afro newspaper in an article on "What It Takes to Be a Supervisor" and again when Channel 2 featured her introducing the arrival of the historic slave ship, Amistad, at Baltimore Harbor.

Pamelia Lois Legette -Butler is survived by her four children: Tonia Lewis (Alonzo Sr.), Chandra Alade (Morufu), Odaris Milburn, Craig Milburn and a sister-in-law, Delores Parker. Eighteen grandchildren: Erica Lewis-Hawkins, Alonzo Lewis Jr, Brian Jackson, Adam Lewis (Khadijah), Deanna Rodriguez (Alex), John C Jones Jr, Brandon Jones, Shade Alade, Cedrick Lewis, Akeem Alade, Nike Alade, Eva Lewis, CiAera Milburn, Austin Lewis, Marla Milburn 2nd, Micah Milburn, Cauree Milburn and Patrick Milburn. Twenty great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host family and special friends.















Dearest Mom, I think of all the things you gave to me. Sacrifice, determination, devotion. endurance, humor, love and tears. Your heart, your mind, your energy, your soul and your pride as a Black woman. All these treasures you showered me with throughout the years. You loved me unconditionally You gave me strength and sweet security, And then the hardest thing of all happened..... Little did I know that God was going to call you home. It broke my heart to lose you, However still ingrained into my heart are all those treasures still intact and great memories of a life well lived. Hove you!

Your Oldest Child, Tonia Renee

Mom, you are so very special
You loved, guided and shaped me
You were my mother, support and friend
My heart breaks and tears flow with no end
I pray you know how much you were loved
There is an eternal hole in my heart
The wonderful memories we made will carry me
I know you continue to believe in me,
to keep me and love me
I could not have asked for a more PERFECT mother

Love Forever, Chandra (Sandy)



Mom, you are the lamp upon my path.... The courage within my spirit.... The goodness within my heart....With the morals, values, and principals you've instilled in my life...

There's no place I'm not willing to go. Even though you're not here physically... In mind and spirit, you are... So, with your hand in mine and my hand in yours... We're going to start our new journey... Together forever, and always.

#### Love, Odaris

Mama,

I love you always and forever.

### Craig

If flowers grow in heaven. Lord, pick a bunch for me.

Then place them in my grandmother'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 a while because remembering her is easy I do it every day but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.

### Your dear grandchild, Breohna

#### Grandma,

You beautiful lady. Your words that you've spoken to me before you left this earth will forever be a reminder of why I have to keep going for myself and my children. I love your life and soul deeply.

### Your granddaughter, Marla Milburn

#### Dear Grandma,

Thank you for showing us what strength, love, loyalty, and resilience looks like. You are and will always be our true North. You are the light that lights every pathway that we walk. We will continue to dance, love and laugh in the honor that is you. "The desire to reach the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is wise and most possible." -Maya Angelou. You have touched all of our hearts, our lives and our souls. Continue to dance and be who you are up there!

We love you, grandma, a.k.a. Peaches!!

Deanna, Alex, Shade, Brandon, Charles, Kara, A'niya, Chris, Keyohna, Christian



### **PALLBEARERS**

Alonzo Lewis, Jr, Brian Jackson Adam Lewis, Akeem Alade Charles Jones, Brandon Jones Patrick Milburn, Christopher Chase



### FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

## INTERMENT

King Memorial Park 8710 Dogwood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21244

### REPAST

The Dior Center at the Quality Inn 1806 Belmont Avenue Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244

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