Marva (Lumar) Washington

July 16, 1955 – November 21, 2023

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On Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, Marva Lumar-Washington of Laplace, LA a loving wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, cousin and friend transitioned from this life into God's arms at the age of 68.

Marva Ann Lumar was born on July 16th, 1955, to the union of the late Odell Lumar Sr. and Lucille Johnson Lumar of Edgard, LA.  Marva had a strong christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard, LA.  Marva was educated in the public schools of St. John the Baptist Parish and graduated from Second Ward High School in 1974. She loved her classmates and looked forward to times spent with the Class of ‘74 and cherished every moment. She also attended Nicholls State and Mollers Beauty College where she graduated and became a licensed cosmetologist and Beauty Control Makeup Artist. In June 1974,

Marva married the late Glenn Burrell, Sr. from that union two children were born Danielle Burrell of Westwego, LA and Glenn "Blaze" Burrell, Jr. of LaPlace, LA. Later, Marva was blessed to have another daughter Briana Jackson of LaPlace, LA. She was also guardian of John Miller, Jr. of Destrehan, LA, Keyon Miller of Paulina, LA, and Shona Harrison of Vacherie, LA.

Marva worked various jobs throughout her lifetime. Immediately after graduating from high school her very first job was with St. John's Clerk of Court Office where she worked for 28 years. Marva was the first African American to work in the clerk's office and the second African American to work in the courthouse in Edgard. She also worked as a Water Analyst where she received numerous awards and trips, a Time Share Consultant for Avenue Plaza where she received various awards and considered it to be the best job ever. Marva was presently working as a licensed Insurance Broker at the time of her passing.

In April 2021, Marva married her longtime companion Berman Washington Sr., gaining two more kids, Berman Washington Jr. and Steven Washing-ton.  Marva spiritual gift was helping others and serving her family and friends. She loved life and enjoyed having a good time, never missing an opportunity to celebrate family and friends' accomplishments. She was very passionate about celebrating holidays, her children, grandchildren and her sister/ devoted niece (Toni Pierre) birthday. She enjoyed cooking and was known for making some of the best Gumbo, red beans and turkey around. She always said "it got to be done right my name is on that!"  Marva was blessed with a beautiful voice that she shared as a lead vocalist with the Grand Funk Band composed of her brother, cousins and friends of the family. Her love for dancing was no secret, obviously she could be caught dancing just about anywhere. She was definitely not shy when it came to the dance floor. Marva was the life of the party and any family gathering. She was a die-hard Saints Fan and considered herself to be Smokey Robinson's #1 Fan. Marva never missed a local Smokey Robinson concert. Even if it meant her having to drive to Alabama and numerous times she's driven to Beau Rivage in Mississippi, which she considered was local for her music icon. Marva has even flown to Texas and Vegas to see her music icon Smokey Robinson.

Marva was preceded in death by her parents: Odell "Money" Lumar, Sr. and Lucille “Pomelia” Johnson Lumar; siblings: Odell"Boom”Lumar, Jr., Albert "Sunny" Lumar, Laura Mae"Bell" Lumar-Harrison, Horace Lumar, Carolyn Lumar Miller, Alvin and Leonard Lumar; brothers-in-law: Cornelius "Slim" Harrison, Joseph, Leroy, Ulysses, Percy and Herman Washington; sisters-in-law: Glenda Lumar, Enzerbell Lumar and Dolores Washington; and Godparents: Naomi Edwards and Odell Lumar Jr.

Marva leaves to cherish her memories, her husband: Berman Washington,; children: Danielle (Ricardo) Burrell, Glenn Jr. "Blaze” (Rachell) Burrell, Briana (Khalid) Jackson, John Jr. (LaMonica) Miller, Keyon Miller, and Shona Harrison; stepchildren: Berman Jr. (Destiny) Washington, and Steven (Panya) Washington; grandchildren: Terrian, Blayse and Riley Burrell, Kaydince Howard, Karleigh Jackson, MaKaven Brown, A'Tayden Harrison, A'Tayla Miles, Kayla and Kameron Miller, Berman III and Harlan Washington; brother: Adam (Deborah) Lumar; sisters: Betty L. Bailey and Letonia "Toni" Pierre; Godchildren: Odell "Petey" Lumar Jr., Clarence "CJ" Weber Jr. and Randall Bailey; devoted cousin Noe Numa; friends: Patricia B. Kilbert and Catherine Ceasar; brothers-in-law: John Miller Sr., Morris Washington, Charles (Tersa) Washington, and Ferdinand (Marie) Washington, sisters-in-law: Evangelist Lettie Richardson, Ruth (Arthur) Brooks, Louise Washington, and Ann and Dolorese Lumar; classmates of Second Ward High Class of 1974, beloved fur baby Ice Washington, grand-fur babies Kolby and Ace Burrell and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2349 LA-18, Edagrd, LA 70049. Visitation beginning at 8AM. Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30AM. Mass will begin at 10AM. Father Robustiano Morgia, celebrant. Entombment to follow at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery.

Treasures of Life Funeral Services, Gramercy, Louisiana

December 9, 2023