



Mrs. Iona McLaughlin Butler

June 23, 1948 - March 16, 2024

Iona "Onie" Butler, 75, of Ft Washington, MD, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 16, 2024 with her devoted husband and family at her side. She was born in Hartford, CT on June 23, 1948, daughter of the late Rennie and Martha McLaughlin. In 1968, Onie married William "Billy" Butler, the love of her life, and they raised two wonderful children, Sirena and Rennie. Recruited by the FBI, she moved to the DC area after high school and later processed deferments during the Vietnam War--a job she was especially proud of. She then began a 34-year career with NASA and retired from there as a Program Specialist in 2011. Onie took an active part in her community, and she enjoyed decorating her home with African-American art and cooking for family and friends. She delighted in watching her garden flower and chatting with neighbors, and after retirement cruised the Caribbean and traveled to Jamaica and the Czech Republic with her husband Billy. She loved jazz festivals, the beach, and puzzles and played a mean game of Scrabble. She is survived by her husband and children; grandchildren, Tre'Ante Rogers and Khayri Short, and bonus grandchild, Porsche Jones; five sisters and their spouses, Gloria (Ernest) Wiggins, Hyacinth (Harding) Deon, Rita (Hazell) Kelley, Mary (Matej) Slechta, and Raquel Lynne McLaughlin; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Ernestine Vaughn, Joyce Somerville, Alvin and Karen Butler, and Marge Robinson; cousins, including Renee and Joseph Whitaker and Clarence and Deborah Jackson; and countless friends, including Altowese Graves McLendon, Glory Howard, "Little Onie," and the beloved "Lunch

Bunch." Onie will be greatly missed and always remembered by her nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors, all of whom she adored.

A Celebration of Iona Butler's Life will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Visitation at 10 a.m., followed by a Service, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

6634 St. Barnabas Road

Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Rev. Antoine C. Love, Pastor

Streaming is available at www.stpauloxonhill.org beginning at 10:55. It's available on YouTube on the St. Paul page.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Paul United Methodist Church
6634 Saint Barnabas Rd
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GT

“ Condolences to the family and friends, Iona had a blessed, quiet spirit and always of good cheer to others! Working with her at NASA Headquarters was a pleasure. Rest in perfect peace my friend, your spirit will live forever!



Gloria Taliaferro - April 07, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JK

“ John Kelly purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of Mrs. Iona McLaughlin Butler.



John Kelly - April 07, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JK

“ John Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Iona McLaughlin Butler.

John Kelly - April 07, 2024 at 02:06 PM

EM

“ My cousin Iona Butler, and I will always have a special bond Our mothers, Martha, McLaughlin, and Mary H Jacobs were twin sisters, my cousin, and I both had babies born on the same day, November 9, 1979 my cousin Iona said that we had our own set of twins. She had a son named Rennie and I had a daughter name Destinee! She always had warm smile on her face I will surely miss her dearly' may She rest in peace she will be missed, but never forgotten. Love, cousin Elverita.

Elverita Walker Mack - April 07, 2024 at 12:15 AM

BP

“ Sending condolences to my family prayers of healing blessings and much love! Rest In Peace My Dear cousin (Bridesmaid) From Cousin Barbara Pinkston

Barbara Pinkston - April 06, 2024 at 11:05 AM

MD

“ Martha Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Iona Butler



Martha Walker- Dawkins - April 02, 2024 at 05:33 PM

DR

“ My sincerest condolences to the Butler family. Iona was such a nice person to know and work with at NASA Headquarters in DC such a pleasant client. Rest easy my dear friend until we meet again. Diane Reid

Diane Reid - April 02, 2024 at 12:05 PM

MD

“ Always a smile, a laugh and her eyes twinkling. Angel Tears and much love!

Love,
Mary's Martha

Martha Walker- Dawkins - April 01, 2024 at 11:33 PM

JS

“ To the Butler and McLaughlin families,
My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear Onie. May she find everlasting peace. I am praying for your peace and comfort. Sincerely, Julio Santos

Julio Santos - March 27, 2024 at 02:26 PM

LB

To the Butler Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. I will truly miss Onie, she was such a beautiful friend.

Laura Branch - March 27, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MT

My sincere condolences to the Butler family. Iona was always a pleasant person and I was fortunate to have worked with her for many years. RIP

Margie Team - April 06, 2024 at 04:16 PM