



## Venice Watkins

February 23, 1937 - November 28, 2023

Venice Watkins was born on February 23, 1937, in Kingston, Jamaica to Myrtle and Claude Cooper. She was the oldest of five children. After high school Venice eloped to London, England where she married and had 2 children. That relationship ended while her children were young so she reared her children by herself.

She was a woman of many talents. She could paint a house, fix an iron, grow food and do hair! On top of that she could dress and was a great cook!

In the late sixties, Venice met a very special someone, James Watkins, through mutual friends. He was an Afro-American serving in the US Airforce stationed in England. They grew in love with one another but James had to go to Vietnam. Before leaving, James promised Venice that if he made it back he would marry her. and he did both! In 1971 they wed, then James had to return to the USA.

Venice and the children joined him within a year.

Venice was blessed to have a wonderful husband and father to their children. When James passed in 2005, she sorely missed him.

While living in America she worked as a bank teller and school nurse. She was well loved and respected. If you knew her, her bark was always worse than her bite. She will be remembered for her colorful Jamaican character. She is survived by her daughter Beverly and son Nicky, two grandchildren Ooshahrah and Elamahd, and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Yvone plus a host of relatives and many good friends.



# Tribute Wall



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**Denise Elaine Watkins**  
 February 13, 1937 - November 28, 2023  
 Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
 47001 99th Madison Park, Fremont, NE 68025

She was a woman of many talents. She could patch a fence, fix an oven, grow food and do hair! One of her favorite things was to see a great meal!

In her later years, Denise met a very special someone, James Watkins, through mutual friends. He was an Afro-American serving in the U.S. Airforce stationed in England. They grew to love each other and James had to go to Vietnam. Before leaving, James promised Denise that if he made it back he would marry her... and he did! In 1977 they wed. When James had to return to the USA, Denise and the children passed time within a year.

Denise was blessed to have a wonderful husband and father to their children. When James passed in 2005, she simply missed him.

While living in America she worked as a food server and school nurse. She was well loved and respected. If you know her, her heart

remembrance music: Psalm 27  
 27 Timothy 6:16-8  
 Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)  
 Gospel: John 14:1-6  
 Homily  
 Prayer of the Faithful (Please Stand)

**Charge of the Easter Vigil (Please Sit)**

Gift Reading(s) Proclamations  
 Offertory Song: Amazing Grace  
 Holy Water: Holy (Please Stand or Sit)  
**Easter Vigil Prayer**  
 Commemoration - The Body and Blood of the Lord  
 Memorial Acclamation  
 Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)  
 Lamb of God (Please Stand or Sit)  
 Communion Song/Prayer: Eye Has Not Seen  
 Communion Meditation Song: Ave Maria

**BURIAL**

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery in the future during a private ceremony.

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