

# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Soft Music

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings  
Old & New Testament.....Pastor Lee

Selection.....“Amazing Grace”

Expressions..... 2 minutes each

## Acknowledgments & Resolutions

Selection.....“Precious Lord”

Obituary..... Silent Reading

Eulogy.....Pastor Norman Lee

Selection.....“Everything’s Going to be Alright”

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends



## God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

-Author Unknown

## Active Pallbearers

Brian Coleman  
Anthony Hayes  
Gilbert Hicks  
Lamar Scott  
Charles Washington, Jr.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Immediate Family Members

## Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to all the doctors, nurses, social workers, friends, and others who formed a special care team for Arlinda over the years. Your dedication and compassion are greatly appreciated.

~The Family~

## Interment

Houston Memorial Gardens  
16000 Cullen Blvd.  
Pearland, Texas 77584

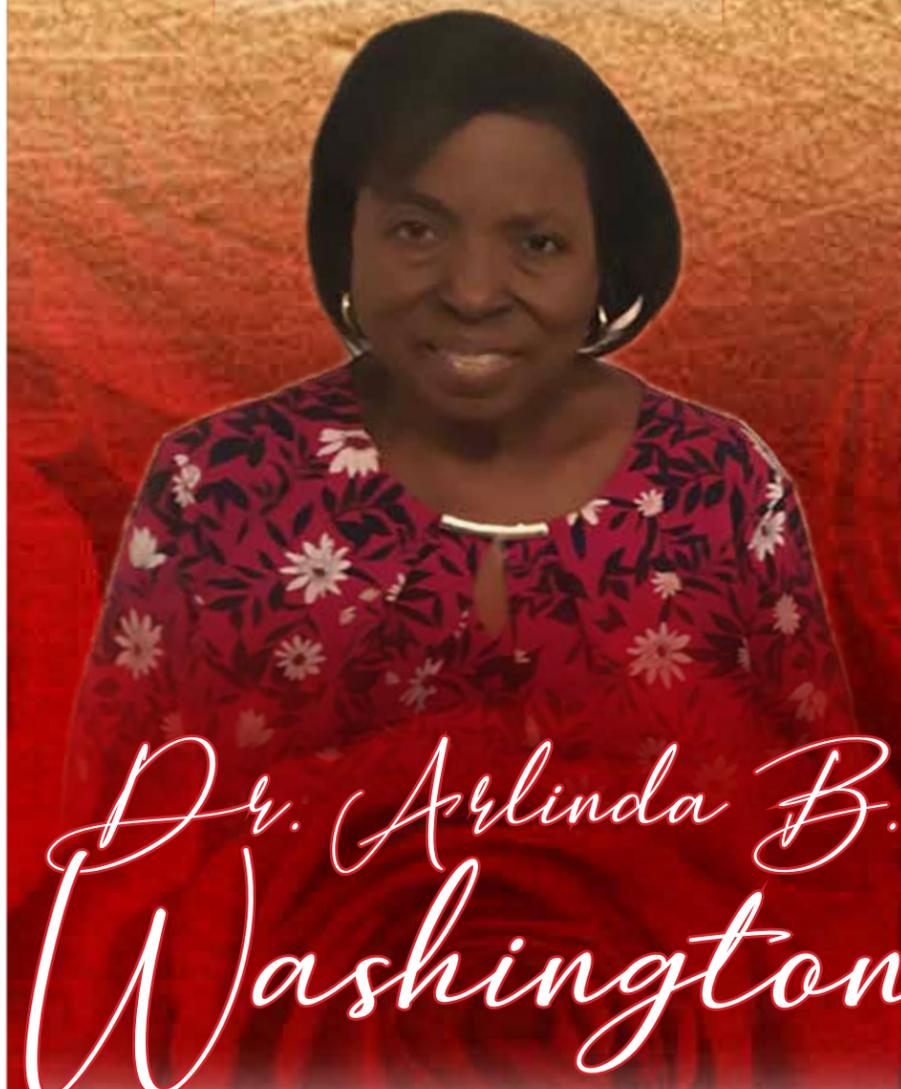
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## In Loving Memory of



# Dr. Arlinda B. Washington

Sunrise: November 20, 1944    Sunset: September 12, 2022

*“Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me; where troubles melt like lemon drops above the chimney tops; that's where you'll find me”*

## Celebration of Life

Saturday, September 17, 2022  
Viewing: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Service: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church  
119 Fidelity St. | Houston, Texas 77029

Pastor Norman Lee, Officiating

# Arlinda's Life

Dr. Arlinda B. Washington passed away peacefully on September 12, 2022, at the tender age of 77 years. Arlinda was born on November 20, 1944, in Texas City, Texas to Pomeroy and Annie Coleman.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in La Marque, Texas in 1961 and then began her extensive college and university affiliations by matriculating at Alvin Community College where she earned her certification as a nurse's aide, followed by certification as a licensed vocational nurse, and then licensing as a registered nurse with an associate degree in nursing. Arlinda was a determined person and a hard worker – she worked as a registered nurse full time (with two young children) while she continued to attend classes at UTMB in Galveston. She graduated from UTMB with her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1974. The thirst for learning and growing remained with Arlinda as she earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Portland in 1991. Since Arlinda loved to help people, she expanded her professional life in Yakima, Washington to include service as a nursing instructor while continuing to work as a nurse. Upon moving back to Texas in 1994, she began to teach nursing at several local junior colleges (San Jacinto Junior College, College of the Mainland, Galveston College) and online universities. Again, the thirst for learning and growing remained with her as she soon began to work on her doctorate later in life. Through sheer grit, resilience, and perseverance, Arlinda graduated in 2015 from Chamberlain University with her Doctor of Nursing Practice at age 70 – that was an amazing accomplishment. If one does the math, Dr. Arlinda Washington faithfully served as a healer and teacher for almost 60 years.

Dr. Washington was known by family, friends, and colleagues as a person full of energy, verve vitality, hope, graciousness, and kindness. She believed in the power of positive thinking and responding to challenges with a "yes we can" approach. She was always willing to help. Did she write a recommendation letter for you? Did she cover a class for you? Did she pay for your lunch? Did she attend your wedding or birthday party? Did she send you a greeting card out of the blue? Did she visit you in the hospital? Did she proofread your paper for you? Did she call you just to say hello and check on you? Did she just listen when you needed a listening ear? Dr. Washington dedicated her life to service. Many people that met her over the last 20 years had no idea that she was battling cancer the entire time. She never complained – she just carried on and held her head high as she served others.

Arlinda is preceded in death by her parents, Pomeroy and Annie Coleman, her son, Kevin Hicks, her sister, Annie Faye Coleman, and her brother, Dellaneo Coleman. She is survived by her husband, Charles Washington, her son, Gilbert Hicks, her brother, Lee Roy Coleman, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Do not lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift your hearts and rejoice with me  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free.*