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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024, 11 AM-1 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM AT FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1204 CHEATHAM STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Melissa Dianne Black, "Lady Di," as she was affectionately known was born to the late Mattie Dowlen Witt and Joe L. Terry on March 4, 1970 in Springfield, Tennessee. "Lady Di" transitioned from her earthly home on October 22, 2024.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age. She was a faithful and active member of First Missionary Baptist Church singing in the choir and serving on the Senior Usher Board.

She was a graduate of Springfield High School.

Melissa loved her family, especially her grand- children. They held a very special place in her heart. At any time, she would just randomly say, "I love him or her." She would also say, "I'm your Auntie, you're not mine to the nieces and nephews.

Lady Di loved going to church, Church family and friends. All the children loved Lady Di. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sons, Ventrell D. Blakemore and Martelle J.

Black; her sisters, Carolyn Witt Johnson, Malana Francine Witt and Penny Witt Wilson.

Dianne leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Montrelle Savon Black; grandchildren, Akeelah Bursey, Jayden Serna, Marielle Sensing, DaQuan Head, Merci Black, and Martelle Bradley; devoted sister, Rita Bowens; nieces, Angela (Curtis) Collier, Sadelya (Aaron) Lucas, Celesa Wilson, Makiya (Eric) Walker and Alfton Witt; nephews, Terrick Bowers, Eric (Shatice) Witt and Wesley Wilson; a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews; devoted cousins, Anita (Bonnie) Gross, Roshanta Ellis and Joanne Smith; devoted friends, Ernestine Patterson, Freda Chambers Butler; other family and friends.

Dianne had a loving heart and would do anything for you but would talk crazy to you the whole time doing it.

SHE WILL BE MISSED!