



Lula Novella Gipson

September 29, 1922 - September 20, 2011

Lula Novella Rice Gipson, 88 of San Diego, CA formally of Huntington, WV peacefully entered the kingdom of Heaven on September 20, 2011. She was born September 29, 1922, in Lester, WV. She was preceded in death by her husband's James H. Rice, Sr and Aubrey Gipson. She was a magnificent mother, community activist and utmost a woman of God. In 1976 she was named WV black woman of the year. She leaves to cherish her memories: her children Gaynelle Rice Merriwether, Zara Ann Rice Sawi and James H. Rice, Jr. 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. A celebration of life will be 1:00pm Thursday at First Baptist Church, Huntington with Rev. Donte Jackson officiating. Rev. Roy E. Terry Eulogist. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 pm Wednesday at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home and 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday, Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home is assisting the family. www.ferrell-chamberfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lula Novella Gipson*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *To the Rice Family: Gaynelle, Ann and Jimmy
We never know the day or the hour, but, we can take solace in
knowing that she is now at rest in His arms.*

*Love to All
Cheryl White*

Cheryl Minor White - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Ms. Novella I send my deepest sympathy in the
passing of your loved one. I enjoyed the wisdom and experiences
she and Aunt Kat shared with me when we were together. I admired
Ms. Novella and her ability to empower. May you all recall f*

Darla "Doll" Jackson-Jones - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of the family.*

Dovanetta Deering-Parker - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family.
Yvonne Boggs-Hartley*

Yvonne Boggs-Hartley - September 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Rice Family, Gaynelle, Anne and Jimmy. It was just a few weeks ago it seemed that we all were together at the Reunion and enjoyed each other's company. It was good to see your mom again, it took me back to the "Rinky Dinks" days. So sorry to hear a

Doris Pyles Greenlee - September 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Family My Sincerest Sympathy and Condolences

Davey Barnes - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM