



## Mrs. Laura Marley

September 7, 1933 - March 15, 2022

The passing of Mrs. Laura Marley, age 88, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Duke Regional Hospital, is being announced by her family.

Laura Lee Marley was born, September 7, 1933, in Durham, North Carolina to the late Maybel Smith and Spencer Crawford.

Laura Lee (as she was called) received her education from Lyon Park, Whitted, and JM Caviness school. She always would love to sing the Lyon Park School song.

Laura Lee married John W. Marley, a soldier and moved to Ramseur, North Carolina. Later years when her cousin Milly Crawford got sick, she returned to Durham to help take care of her.

Laura worked at Burlington Industrial (as a spooler) until they closed. She had not reached the mature age to retire but as she got relaxed and started to enjoy being laid off, she said no one better not call her back to go to a job.

She loved to fish, playing cards and spending quality time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family members and friends. Even though she had seven children, Mama (as we called her) loved all of them and made no difference in not one of them.

She loved attending Blues concerts. I was able to obtain backstage passes to see one of her favorite blues singer BB King and ever since she met him, she received backstage to all concerts in North Carolina, compliments of Mr. King. Tickets would be left in the Will-call window. He would always call and inform us when he was coming, and we would have front row tickets to the concerts. She would also call Foxy 107 radio station to request a blues song on Saturday and the DJ would play her song within 5-10 minutes. She met the DJ, and the DJ was DJ Heavy, and he became her favorite DJ.

Laura Lee leaves to cherish her beautiful memories to her seven children: David (Wendy) of Durham, North Carolina, Gloria of Durham, North Carolina, Marcia of Durham, North Carolina, Shelbia (Barry) of Durham, North Carolina, John (Judy) of Ramseur, North Carolina, Dwight (Shevone) of Durham, North Carolina, Darryle (Trudy) of Asheboro, North Carolina, grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She had a special cousin Clara Adam of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a very special friend from grade school through adulthood, Mrs. Patty Gales, of Ramseur, North Carolina.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, North Carolina 27707. The family will assemble for a visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., followed by the celebration service, at 12:00 respectively, with Pastor Fredrick A. Davis delivering the eulogy.

Mrs. Laura Marley will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Laura Marley through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86452729612?>

Webinar ID: 864 5272 9612

Passcode: 975970

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAR 23.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
[scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com](mailto:scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com)  
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Visitation

**MAR 24.** 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
[info@firstcalvary.org](mailto:info@firstcalvary.org)  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

## Celebration of Life

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MAR **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
info@firstcalvary.org  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Laura Marley*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mrs Laura Lee Marley has always been a loving mother & friend every since I have known her my husband & I loved her. She was beautiful inside and out, always had a smile & loved her BB King. She will always be in my heart. Ernestine & Billyjoe*



**Ernestine Caviness** - March 27, 2022 at 10:35 AM



*To Shelbia I sorry to hear about your mom hope you are doing well your friend Barbara Foxx from liberty NC*

**Barbara parks** - March 30, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.*



March 23, 2022 at 09:52 AM

GW

“ Gerald, Demetrice, Colby & Wanda purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.



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**Gerald, Demetrice, Colby & Wanda** - March 23, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.



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March 23, 2022 at 06:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.



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March 22, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.



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March 22, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.*



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March 22, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Corey, Latrice and your Baltimore Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.*



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**Corey, Latrice and your Baltimore Family** - March 22, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Shelbia; My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your beloved mother. Tho clouds hang low right now,GOD is standing by to clear them away. Please know that Melvin(Rev. Whitley) and I are available to assist you any time of day/night! We love you. - Claudette & Melvin Whitley*

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**claudette whitley** - March 21, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.*



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March 21, 2022 at 11:51 AM

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“ local 30 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Laura Marley.



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**local 30** - March 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM

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“ To the Marley Family, May the love of the risen Christ fill your heart with joy and peace. With the deepest and most caring Sympathy.  
Minister Loretta Tinnin



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**Loretta Tinnin** - March 19, 2022 at 08:56 AM

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“ To the family of Ms. Laura Lee Marley, will always have memories of you visiting my mom and day when you lived in Ramseur, NC. Prayers to the family and my special friend and school mate Marcia. God's peace to you all!



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**Rev. Rebecca Staley Brewer** - March 19, 2022 at 07:37 AM

