

“Every Day
Is A Gift
from God
That’s Why
It Is Called
The Present”
- Fran

For FOREVER memories of Fran, visit
www.FrancineHackney.com

Hello Precious

Life is a blessing. Take this gift and live it.
The most divine thing at the center of it all is love.
We love our families and our loved ones, but go ahead! I say ... love them some more. There will be testing times when you feel weak and in despair. Pick yourself up, lift you head up stand tall and proud. God gave us an abundance of intelligence. Learn from the lessons in order to appreciate the blessings. Spread your cheer and brighten up somebody’s day. Laugh together but by no means... Don’t sweat the small stuff!

Love,

Fran

A Tribute to Our Inspiration

The light in our lives now shine brighter our SHERO is at peace, she has now gone to the spiritual realm.

She was the epitome of grace, the bringer of joy, and laughter to all of us. She was the most perfect creation that enjoyed the life that God gave her. God has taken his precious angel back. We love you, miss you, and you will forever be in our hearts.

Life Is But a Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what’s to be,
A resting place along the way, To sweet eternity, We all have
different journeys, Different paths along the way, We all were
meant to learn some things, But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place, Far greater than we know.

Acknowledgments

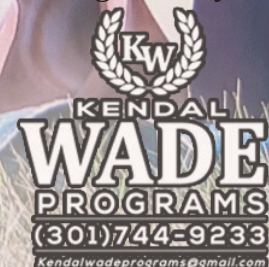
Our family deeply thanks you for your acts of kindness and prayers during our time of bereavement. We’re forever grateful for your love and thank you for your continuous support.

The Family

Pallbearers

Vernon Smith	Anthony Smithers
Lorenzo Taylor	Tony McMillian
Patrick Stevens	Bradley Simms

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CELEBRATING
HER LIFE
AND
LEGACY

A Tribute of
Honor
and Love

Francine Marie
STEVENS HACKNEY



1953

HER Story 2020

Always In Our Hearts

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, GOD in his infinite wisdom, called home to Glory our beautiful loved one Francine Marie (Stevens) Hackney.

Francine was born in Washington, DC on September 22, 1953 to Benjamin Franklin Stevens Sr. and Vermelle Ann Stevens (both preceeded her in death) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

In 1972, Francine graduated from Ballou Senior High School. Throughout her lifetime, Francine invested in her education and those that she encountered. Whenever there was an opportunity to show others how to learn and grow, SHE TOOK IT!

Francine continued her education at the University of the District of Columbia where she pursued a degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration on Special Education. After matriculating, all while performing her teaching assignments, she also pursued Microsoft office technology at Trinity University.

Francine was a trailblazer, natural beauty with deep dark cocoa skin. At an early age she was hand selected by a talent scout to represent the John Casablanca Modeling Agency. That experience only added to her growing confidence and she never let you forget she was unapologetically black. A dark skinned sister with smarts to boot. Her love for modeling, led Francine to find time to do an apprenticeship at Cappachell Modeling agency as an esteemed Model.

In addition to working for DC Public schools, throughout her life Francine also served as a Lifeguard, Post office clerk, Metro bus driver, Auto train hostess for Amtrak, Avon salesperson, and Mary K. cosmetic extraordinaire and owner of her full service photography studio company, Take one Productions.

Francine traveled the country extensively but never got too far away from the District. While traveling, she took pride in allowing family members to accompany her when time permitted. The love she shared for her family brought her back to the District and kept her close for her remaining years.

Francine was a fashionista, as well as an avid reader with a benevolent spirit. Francine was never at a lost for words, she possessed a strong will and had an infectious spirit.

Fran was the quintessential of an educator. She embodied the meaning of strength and love, which she exhibited through her daily acts of kindness. Francine loved children and was the favorite aunt to those in her community.

On May 31, 1991, LOVE was in the air when Francine accepted Charlie Henry Hackney's hand in marriage. No children were born from their union however, Francine kept busy by raising many other's children and devoted her life to all children to which she came in contact.

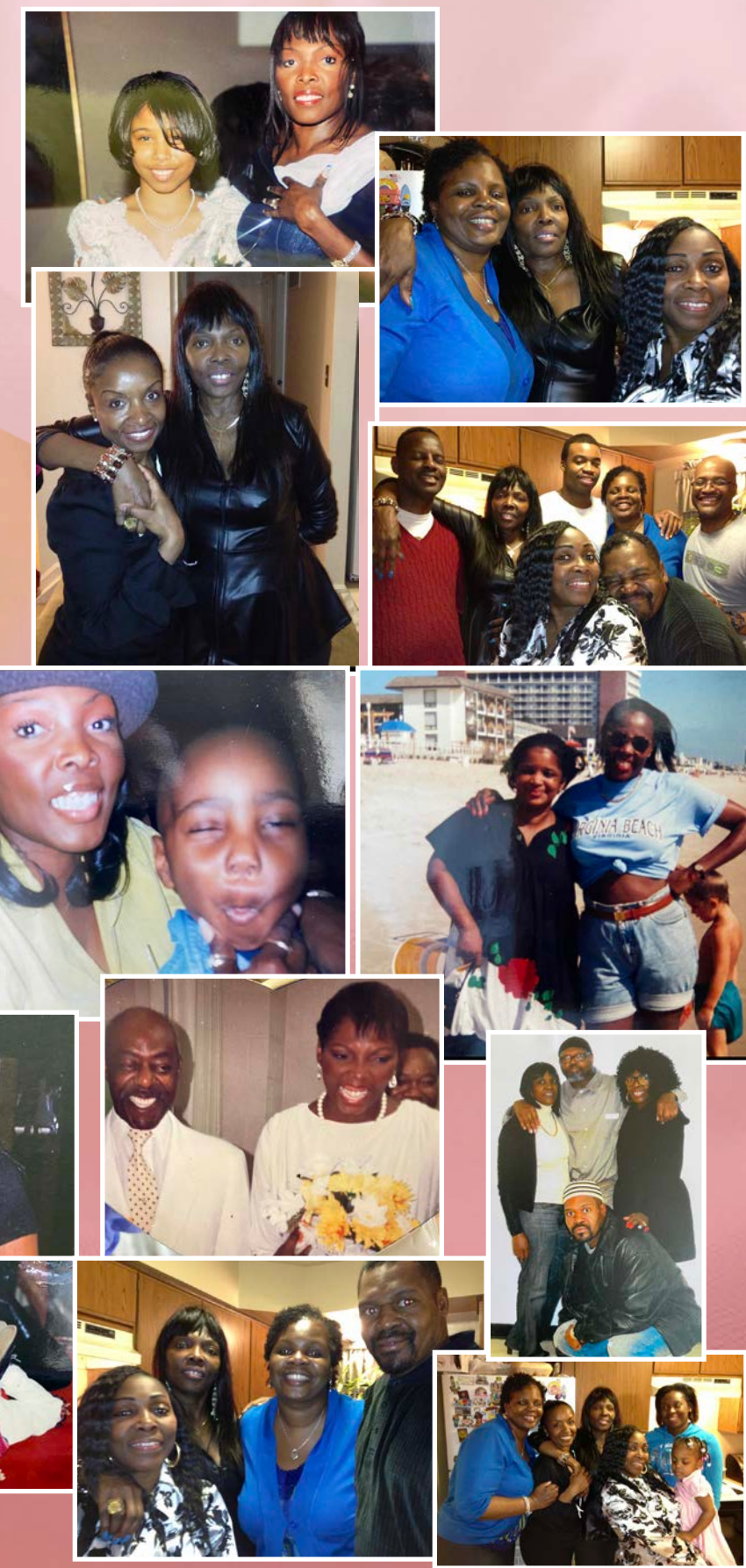
Francine had several pets, yet the pet she was most fond of was "Miss Foster". Nothing was too good for Miss Foster in Fran's eyesight. Miss Foster had a wardrobe that would put some human's to shame.

All who knew Francine could not deny her love for GOD! She was a servant for GOD and always a cheerful giver with a heart of gold, which she inherited from her dearest mother. She never missed an opportunity to speak "the Gospel" and show anyone were they had room to learn and grow. She provided a loving example to all and was a glowing illustration of what it means to live life to its fullest. She performed many positions in the church to include usher, armor bearer and Deacon, not Deaconess (in her voice), of which she held with extreme prowess.

Francine had a giving spirit and in addition to her tithing regularly, some of the charities Francine supported to name a few were St. Jude's Children's research hospital, Wounded Warrior project, ASPCA, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, National Humane Society, American Heart Association, Easter Seals and the Animal Rescue league.

Francine was preceeded in death by her loving husband Charlie Hackney, Father Benjamin Stevens Sr., Mother Vermelle (Stewart) Stevens, brothers Benjamin Franklin Stevens II, and Bertram Tony "Hamzah" Stevens.

She is gracefully survived by her aunt Olivia Stewart, sisters Sandra McMillian, April Coles, Sonja Smith (Vernon), brothers Edmond Stevens (Jenifer), Patrick Stevens, GOD-daughter and niece Cinama M. Smithers (Anthony), nieces Chastity Coles, Doneeshia "Bootsy" Giles, Beniece Stevens, Tiffany Stevens, Lauren Stevens, nephews, Tony McMillian, Lorenzo Taylor, Bradley Simms, and Dalton Stevens. Great nephews, Dominic Smithers, Landen Barnhill and great niece Torri McMillian, her beloved cousin, Edward Stewart III, and a special brother in law, Chauncey Hawkins, and a host of cousins, relatives, special friends and people who shared her love.



Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Viewing 6:30 p.m. – Service 7:30 p.m.

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc.
7474 Landover, Road, Hyattsville, MD

Burial 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Order of Service

Officiating

Pastor Toni Wood

Opening Prayer

Pastor Toni Wood

Selection

Old Testament

New Testament

Reading of Obituary

Selection

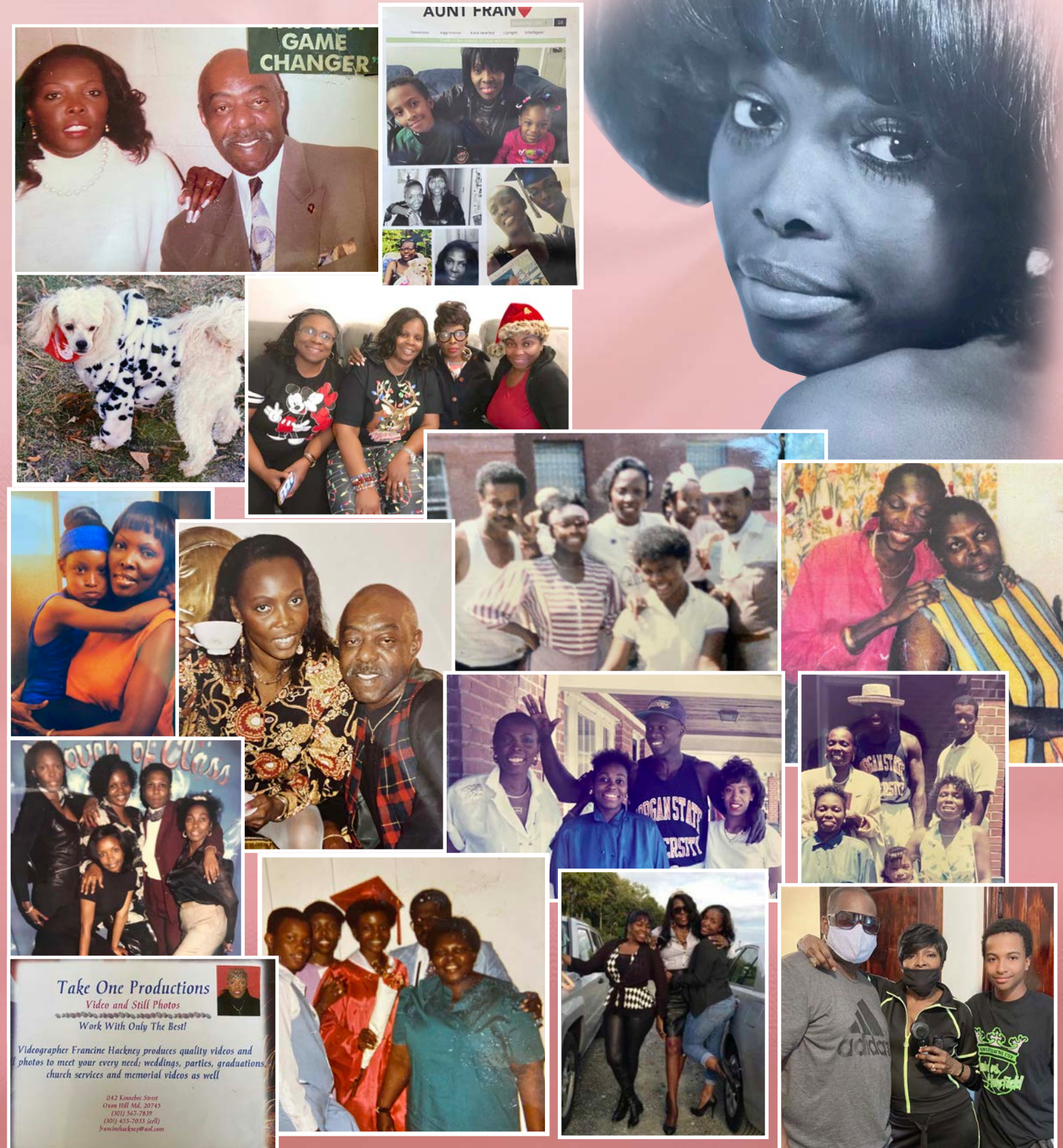
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Eulogy

Pastor Toni Wood

Remembering Fran



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Francine's favorite Cliches

A Woman After God's Own Heart

1. Rather safe than sorry.
2. Don't hate congratulate?
3. Where they do that at?
4. Make sure your next move is your best move!
5. If it don't make dollars, it don't make sense!
6. Trust Fund Baby ... (referring to Edward S.)
7. I don't have a dog in the fight
8. Why lie? When the truth will do.
9. Do I have "training bra" written across my forehead?
10. What the ham boloney?
11. I will side with anyone doing right, but absolutely no one doing wrong.
12. Sidebar
13. Is your reality on vacation?
14. You have to be looking at me, to see me looking at you
15. I had to heal and deliver him/her.
16. I went to bed on top of the world, and woke up with the world on top of me!
17. A closed mouth don't get fed!
18. It's the "thought" of the gift not, the "cost" of the gift!
19. Every day is a gift from God. That's why it's called, "The Present".
20. All money ain't good money!
21. Lights on, but ain't nobody home.
22. Walking on egg shells (walking lightly).
23. Don't take any wooden nickels (promises).
24. Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly is too the "bone".
25. Walk lightly but carry a big stick.
26. Throw a rock and hide your hands. Lying about someone's role in a disagreement or fight.
27. You a lying wonder.
28. God can do anything BUT lie!
29. I understand, but I "over stand".
30. Living takes a lifetime!
31. May God bless you and heaven smile upon you!
32. "Hello precious".

