



## Lula Freeman

September 27, 1943 - December 21, 2011

On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, Lula B. C. Freeman, or “Lu” as called by most, departed her earthly life. She was born September 27, 1943 in Sussex, VA, the ninth child born to the late Dennis T. and Helen V. Crowder. She received her education in the Sussex County school systems. After graduating from high school, she moved to New York where she continued to advance her studies. Lula enrolled in a regional business school and took secretarial courses. After completion, she worked as a Secretary with the Division of Senior Centers. While working days she attended Wilfred Beauty Academy at night. After receiving her cosmetology license, she worked in various salons. Lula didn’t stop there. She attended NYC Technical College majoring in Human Services. She worked as a Human Resource Specialist with the City of New York for 21 years. Lula loved her job and her clients loved her. She was always helping people. There was nothing positive she wouldn’t do for you. Her kindness made everyone she came into contact with love and remember her. She put others first with no problem. Lula was not a procrastinator. If she saw something that needed to be done, she did it with love. Her favorite words were, “I don’t have all day.”

Lula volunteered at Norfolk General Hospital in the gift shop where she loved serving people. She was a very spiritual person and found Christ at a very young age. She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY where she served as Secretary of the First Ladies Auxiliary, Secretary of the Virginia Club and the Flower Club. She worked diligently with

each auxiliary until relocating from New York. She maintained a warm and caring spirit with everyone she met.

Lula was married to the former Marshall Freeman. Together they shared many memories, including attending church, Sunday School and Bible Study together. They also loved to travel and spend time with family and friends. After moving to Portsmouth, Lula and Marshall joined Grove Church under the leadership of Dr. Melvin O. Marriner. Lula was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall L. Freeman, a brother, George E. Crowder, and a sister, Cora B. Tabb. She leaves to cherish her memory, two loving children, Lisa and Freddy; two precious grandchildren, Kayana and Ariel, her extended family, three stepsons, Terry (Vicky), Adrian and Marshall; four special step-grandchildren, Justia, Jenah, Chelsa and Alexander; three sisters, Effie, Minnie and Blanche; three brothers, David, Dennis Jr. and Thomas; two devoted sisters-in-law, Lillie and Perry; two brothers-in-law, Joseph and John, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of  
Lula Freeman



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss u mommy, i love u

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**lisa crowder (daughter)** - August 29, 2013 at 11:51 AM



“ To Lisa, and Freddie, This was a grave shock to me when I heard of your Mom's passing. Lu and I spoke frequently, My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Lu was a very kind loving and compassionate person. She loved shopping, and enjoyed everyday to the fullest. I didn't get to meet either of you, however I felt I knew you as she spoke of you both often, as well as her granddaughter. I will miss talking with her, and I know you will miss her even more. It's hard to accept, but God does not make any mistakes, he called her home because he needed her help, and her strength.

May God Bless and keep you and your family in his loving care.

With Love,  
Annie Wilkins (neice)##imported-begin##Annie Wilkins##imported-end##

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January 03, 2012 at 11:33 AM



“ Dear Freddie and Lisa,  
My prayers are with you both during this difficult time. I am sorry I could not attend the funeral but I am with you in spirit. Be strong for each other. I love you both.##imported-begin##Rena McNeary (Massenberg)##imported-end##

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December 29, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ Freddy.... Once again I would like to pay respect to you and your family for your loss, I could only imagine how your feeling. My heart goes out to you and your family, I will keep you guys in prayer be strong and stay blessed...##imported-begin##R.Smith##imported-end##

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December 27, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ To the Crowder family very sorry i could not be there while u r going thru u pain . My heart go out to you. When losing a love one is very hard to get over. Your mother is a strong woman. she rised to strong kids. She would want u to stay strong for her. be strong for each other. So to Lisa and Freddy she might have pass on but she lives in your heart. Love yall.##imported-begin##SEAN E SMITH of Marcy projects.##imported-end##

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December 27, 2011 at 04:08 PM



“ I don't even know what to say, this made things so much eseair!##imported-begin##Charlotte##imported-end##

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December 27, 2011 at 01:40 PM



“ my prayer goes out to the family and may they continue to be blessed##imported-begin##Retina Bowser##imported-end##

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December 27, 2011 at 10:39 AM