



Tarnchie Russell

September 12, 1916 - March 4, 2017

Tarnchie Russell, affectionately known as "Big Ma", was born on September 12, 1916 to Lucy B. Scruggs and Jodie Hawk in Huntsville, Alabama.

On December 10, 1933, Tarnchie Hawk wed the love of her life, Readus Russell. In 1936, the couple relocated to Chicago, Illinois where they settled in and raised their two children, Inella and William.

Before deciding on being a full time stay at home mom and wife, Mrs. Russell worked as a Presser at a local cleaners on Chicago's westside for six years.

Tarnchie's love for children and her passion for care-giving inspired her to provide an at home day care service for family and friends. It was at this time that Big Ma started positively impacting the lives of many generations.

Tarnchie enjoyed cooking, singing, dancing and spending time with her family and friends.

After living a century on earth, God gave this angel her wings on March 4, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucy and Jodie Hawk; her son, William Russell; some siblings; and in 2006, her husband of 73 years, Readus Russell.

Tarnchie leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter, Inella Lindsey; sister, Josephine McSwain; granddaughters, Diane York, Renee Taylor (Garry), Dorella Russell-Spruill (Mike) and Deborah Labon; grandsons, William Russell II and Stanley Russell; 15 great grandchildren; 11 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memory Gardens

701 Ridge Road
Homewood, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tarnchie Russell*

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