

Joyce A. Pledger-Sullivan

September 11, 1952 – April 21, 2016

Joyce A. Pledger-Sullivan, daughter of Susie M. (Pledger) Coren and Moses Coren Sr., was born in Greenville, Mississippi on September 11, 1952. She was called home on April 21, 2016 after battling two longtime illnesses.

Joyce was one of ten children who grew up in Greenville. She attended the T. L. Weston Elementary School and the Lucy Webb High School where she played basketball, a sport that she loved. She was blessed with a daughter, Cleopatra Pledger-Lecky. She moved to Boston, Massachusetts where she graduated from Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1973. She married Ernest Wheeler and later divorced. She also attended the Wilfred Academy School of Cosmetology, obtained her license and worked as a hair stylist.



In 1977, she married Michael Sullivan, they were married until 2011. Joyce gave her life to God and joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts, where she served in the Usher Ministry and was an after school teachers' assistant. She worked for State Street Bank of Quincy, Massachusetts for many years and at the Boston McKinley Elementary School for 2 1/2 years.

She loved God, as well as her family. She was a loving, kind, caring, dedicated, outgoing, strong, compassionate, outspoken woman who said what she meant and meant what she said. She loved cooking, reading, fashion, having fun, giving advice and suggestions, playing spades, socializing, decorating and being with and around her family. Joyce loved doing things with and for her grandchildren. Her smile was infectious. Her voice distinctive. Her laugh, unforgettable. She was the go to person. It was always, "Joyce, Joyce, Joyce." Everyone went to Joyce, especially the twins, Ricky and Micky.

To cherish her memories she leaves her mother Susie M. Coren, her daughter Cleopatra Pledger-Lecky, her grandsons: Anthony Pledger, Nicco-Kawon Pledger, Dartanyan Pledger, LA Croix Pledger, Myssiah Pledger, Denzil Lecky, a great-grand daughter, Neriah Pledger all of Boston, Massachusetts,. Four brothers, Calvin Pledger and Gregory Coren of Boston, Moses Coren of Orlando, Florida and Jerry L. Coren of Marion, South Carolina, two sisters: Vikki Coren of Brockton, Massachusetts, Kolandria Coren of Gloucester, Massachusetts, a sister-in-law Elizabeth (Moses) of Orlando, Florida and a longtime companion Maurice Alves, whom she adored and loved of Boston, Massachusetts. She also leaves several nieces and nephews along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Three brothers proceeded her in death: Ricky L. Coren, Micky L. Coren and Michael Coren. Her father, Moses Coren Sr., also proceeded her in death.