



Blanche Overton

August 13, 1925 - February 11, 2020

Blanche Eleanor Overton, daughter of the late Charles and Emma Chesson, was born in Edenton, N.C. in August of 1925. Blanche was educated in the Edenton, N.C. school system for a short time, like most southerners in her day. Blanche was the baby of seven who resided with her parents. In the 40's Blanche met the love of her life, the late Joseph Overton (Joe). Blanche and Joe married and moved to Philadelphia for greater opportunities in 1957, taking up residence in North Philadelphia's Johnson Holmes. In 1959, Blanche and Joe were blessed with their only child, a son, Roosevelt. In 1961, Blanche and Joe moved to the 3200 block of Page Street, where they created a secure home for their son Roosevelt, along with many memories and friendships. Her home provided shelter for many family members who migrated from the south for work, or those just wanting to visit.

Blanche was a professional in the Environmental Services Department at Saint Joseph's University where she worked for over 30 years before retirement. Her ambition would not allow her to stop there, so she obtained part-time employment at the Jackson Cleaning Service Company from where she retired at age 65.

After retirement, Blanche enjoyed her years of going to the casino with friends and family. She spent lots of time tending to her immaculate home. On summer days you could be sure to see her sweeping outside to make sure it matched the inside! Blanche was the caretaker for at least generations of children during her retirement. All those children knew not to touch anything on her tables! She was the cookie and soda connection for her grandson Zaire and his friends, and the other children that she adopted on the block. Blanche was not one to mince words; she was straight forward and to the point! If you didn't want to hear the truth, she wasn't the one to ask! To know Blanche was to love her for who she was. She will be missed wholeheartedly.

Blanche leaves to mourn: her only son, Roosevelt and his wife Ena; two grandsons: Zaire Overton and Obdol Bailey, three great grand-daughters, one great grandson, and one great great grandson; Along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Services and Interment Private.

Comments



“ Ena Bell Overton lit a candle in memory of Blanche Overton



Ena Bell Overton - March 06, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of my Great Aunt Blanche that I will cherish.

It didn't matter when I was stopped in Philly to visit family or friends...stopping to see Aunt Blanche was ALWAYS a must!!

Sending prayers of comfort as we all morn loosing her.

To be absent from us is to be present with the Lord. She will be always remembered and loved.

Steve and Toni Brown

and the "Connecticut Connection" We send our love and condolences with deepest sympathy

Steve and Toni Brown - February 22, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Best Godmother ever!!! To her Godson Billy greatest wife and mother and grandmom...Her bestie Aunt Iva is hav a ball in heaven...Will miss her tellin u like it is she kept it 100 will be greatly miss see u and the rest of family when it's my time!!!

Sheila Ward - February 21, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Sheila Ward lit a candle in memory of Blanche Overton



Sheila Ward - February 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM