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It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Lola J Buie, who departed this world on January 23, 2026, at the age of 89.

Lola was at her cherished home of 35 years in Chula Vista, California, surrounded by the love of her family. Her incredible life journey began on June 8, 1936, as Lola Betrell Johnson in Norfolk, Virginia, born to the loving parents Lola Marie and Percell Leigh Johnson.

Lola was a beacon of wisdom and grace, whose love and kindness touched the lives of many. She was predeceased by her parents and her dear sister, Jessie Brown, and is survived by her devoted husband of 49 years, Arthur Buie.

Lola and Arthur's journey together began on July 24, 1976, in San Diego, California. Together, they crafted a life rich with love, laughter. She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Vanessa Williams and Kim Buie Bey, and her brother, Percell Johnson.

Her legacy is carried forward by her grandchildren, Alexander Thomas, Emadi Williams, Elan Williams, Steven Williams, and Elasia Williams, and her great grandson, Adonis Orion Thomas. Each of them carries a piece of Lola's spirit, her love of learning, and her dedication to others.

Lola's academic pursuits were driven by her passion for education. She graduated from Booker T Washington High School in 1952, and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Union University in 1957. Her thirst for knowledge led her to achieve a Master's Degree from United States International University, San Diego, California in 1973.

Her professional career was marked by her dedication to teaching and nurturing young minds. Upon moving to California in 1963, Lola began as a math teacher at Mission Bay High School and Lincoln High School, where she also served as a guidance counselor. Her career continued as she taught math at San Diego City College and Grossmont College.



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Her commitment to education culminated in her roles with the California Teachers Association, and finally as Executive Director of the East County Teachers Uniserv where she retired. Lola was a longtime member of Christ United Presbyterian Church, where she served with devotion as a deacon and sang with the choir.

She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and the San Diego Chapter of Carousels where she found lifelong friendships and opportunities to give back to her community. Lola J Buie lived a life full of purpose and love, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A private ceremony will be held to honor Lola's extraordinary life, as requested by the family. Her spirit will forever be a guiding light in the lives of her family, friends, and all those who were fortunate to be touched by her kindness and wisdom. May her soul rest in eternal peace



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Al Thomas posted:

There's so much I didn't get to say before you left us. So much you didn't get to be apart of that I truly wanted for you. It hurts just writing this because I cannot express what I want on this platform, but you deserve the highest of high commemorations. You deserve so much because you did so much for a family that wasn't truly yours. For people that didn't share your blood directly but that you still loved as your family nonetheless. I can't speak for others, but what you have done for me is more than many in my family cared to do for me. You took the time out to help me in a period of my life when I was really struggling in math, and in life. You created flip books that I still have with formulas that I intended to pass down to my son to aide him when the time comes. You taught me how to pay attention to and manage credit (indirectly). You showed me the importance of good credit and how it can take you places in life you didn't think were attainable. You were the one that prompted me to think, "you all deserve the word! Why not build units on your properties and move to a flat and have a nice car?" But in hindsight you shunned the luxuries... but you were most certainly worthy of them all. I wish I could give you more than you received going into the next life. I love you and miss you dearly.

March 20 at 1:54 PM



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