

RESOLUTION 249
KAYTE V. WARD

WHEREAS, Kayte V. Ward was born April 2, 1943 to the union of Mr. James and Maude Ward in Bolivar, Tennessee. She was one of nineteen children. She confessed her faith in Christ at an earlier age of eight at Bowden A.M.E. Church. Kayte loved to study God’s word, pray, sing and most of all share the good news about Jesus Christ. She was educated at Bolivar Industrial High School in Tennessee and moved to St. Louis in 1962 where she earned her Associates Degree in Nursing from St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

WHEREAS, children are a blessing and a gift from God. Kayte was blessed with three Kel (1st Born), Kaylon and Keyon. She was very proud of her “young folk”. Kayte was very supportive of their endeavors spiritually, scholastically and professionally. She was a person of excellence and instilled that in her children. She taught them to embrace their peculiarity and to maximize on their uniqueness and potential.

WHEREAS, Kayte was active with Choir #3 of Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday School, Mother’s and Deaconess Board, Evangelism Classes and the Mass Choir. Kayte’s work experience and career varied. She worked as a clothier at the Woman’s World Shop in Chesterfield Mall, spent many years in the Insurance Industry, but her real passion was healthcare.

WHEREAS, as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), she worked in hospitals, nursing homes and home healthcare agencies. After retiring from those places, she still wanted to “Give Sunshine to God’s People” and started to work select private duty cases. And we can’t forget her love of baking all sorts of desserts which many in the Church today have eaten or purchased.

WHEREAS, Kayte was very involved in her community; volunteering her time on political campaigns with her sister Eva. She was always concerned about others well-being and as a result of witnessing several accidents and almost having one of her own, she was instrumental in getting Mayor Lyda Krewson (Then Alderwoman) to get a left turn signal placed at the intersection of Debaliviere and Forest Park Parkway.

WHEREAS, Kayte was an agent of change as a resident of Bridgeton, Missouri, as well. She was instrumental in getting additional lighting for her subdivision on the city’s docket for approval after being told repeatedly it could not be done. The Councilman delivered the message himself to ensure she knew the matter was being resolved. In addition to this, after an unfathomable amount of power outages where she resided, Kayte used her persistence to influence the replacement of the electrical pole, the transformer and all associated parts to remedy this issue for her and her neighbors.

WHEREAS, Kayte attended many events in the community, served as an unofficial representative on behalf of St. Louis Children’s Hospital and supported the Kappa’s Black History programs along with their pancake breakfasts. Kayte could often be seen driving in her car to various stores, not to buy anything, but she used that time as an opportunity to witness and share Jesus with whomever would listen.

WHEREAS, Kayte received her “Wings” on Monday, February 11, 2019. She leaves to cherish her memories: Two sons and a daughter-Kel (Donna), Kaylon and Keyon; six grandchildren-Antonio, Tray (Bre), Don ‘Ae and Zion; great grandchildren-Armon, Hezekiah, Anila, Malia, Layla, Adriana and Elijah. One sister-Estelle (Oatha Lee) Lake; two brother-in-laws-Henry Johnson and Oatha Lee; three sister-in-laws-Lucille Ward, Gwen Ward, and Margaret Ward; and a huge host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; special friends and sisters in Christ – Carmen Clinton, Evelyn Howard, Rosetta Hughes, Pearlie Lewis and Kay Tolbert. She was preceded in death by both parents, fourteen brothers and three sisters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen pause in our deliberations to join the sponsors of this resolution in expressing their deepest heartfelt sympathy upon the passing of Kayte V. Ward and we direct the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be presented to her family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsors.

Introduced this 21st day of February, 2019 by:

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2019 as attested by:

Lou Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen