

Gertha Lee McCrory-Langston, or "Honey-Bunch" as she was affectionately known, was born on January 24, 1930 in Franklin County, Mississippi, to the late Reverend William McCrory and Cora T. Culver-McCrory. She was the third of four children.

In 1937, at the young age of seven, Gertha moved with her family to Los Angeles, California and became a member of United Methodist Church. In 1969, she moved to Fresno, California and attended Carter Memorial AME Church. After returning to Los Angeles in 1974, she moved her membership to Walker Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church and joined under the leadership of the late Reverend Dewitt Graham and remained a faithful supporting member.

Gertha received her formal education at Nevin Avenue Elementary School, Carter Junior High School and graduated as a Promethian, Class of 1948, from Jefferson High School. She was proud to be a soloist in the Glee Club while attending "Jeff". She furthered her education and later became a Certified Bookkeeper.

Gertha was united in holy matrimony to Rudolph Whitley. To this union one daughter was born, Regina Louise Whitley Woods. Both Regina and Rudolph preceded her in death. She later met and married Lewis Langston, and to this union one daughter was born, Renita Karen Langston.

While attending Walker Temple she was active in various auxiliaries. In 1987, she was appointed to the Commission on Christian Social Relations. While diligently and successfully working with the Debt Retirement Committee, Gertha joined in celebrating the Mortgage burning of the church. Her many contributions to her church did not go unnoticed. Because of her leadership, sister Langston was honored as one of the Church Elders. As Sunday School was always a special part of her Christian faith, she faithfully attended and continued to be a "Sunday School Scholar" until her health would no longer permit her to attend. Under the leadership of her present pastor, Reverend Jules S. Bagneris III, she looked forward to the many home visits for communion, prayer, and Christian fellowship from her Walker Temple Family.

While in Los Angeles, Gertha worked for Gold's Furniture and Appliance Company and Occidental Life Insurance Company. Later, she moved to Fresno, California where she was the Office Manager at J.E. Cooley, Jr. Funeral Service. She retired as a Bookkeeper from Charm Craft Greeting Card Company, Los Angeles, California.

Gertha had a kind, gentle and nurturing spirit that touched many lives, therefore, it was perfectly clear how she was loved by all who came in contact with her. With her loving daughter Renita at her bedside, on November 14, 1998 without a sound, the heavenly angels came and peacefully escorted Gertha to the eternal resting place she so well deserved. She will be truly missed by all.

To cherish her memories, she leaves one daughter, Renita K. Langston of Los Angeles, California; two granddaughters, Renita J. Pullens of Claremont, California and LaKisha L. Richard of Los Angeles, California; one great granddaughter, Regina M. Pullens of Claremont, California; two brothers, Robert F. McCrory of Los Angeles, California, and Willie H. McCrory of Compton, California; one sister, Carrie M. Blanton of Compton, California; one uncle, Archie Culver of Chicago, Illinois and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.