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On October 17, 1937 Loretta Vivian (Brown) Nowell was born in Lynch, Kentucky. She was the 10th born child of the late Horace and Pearl Brown. She
was known as "Lo-Lo" to her family members, delighting them with her kind smile, intelligence, ambition and mischievous spirit. She made her parents proud
throughout: her life by demonstrating love, thoughtfulness and respect. On Monday, July 2, 2012, Loretta transitioned into eternal rest, putting her life into God's hands

She attended and graduated from Twinsburg High School. She continued her education at Case Western Reserve University, where she studied Leadership
Development. She also attended Finn College for Business Administration.

She met and married the late Emery Nickels. To this union one son, Emery Nichols Jr. was born.

Loretta knew how to enjoy life. She was truly a "people person." She was a sincere, kind, compassionate person who was always willing to help someone. Loretta had an avid interest in the well being of family and community members, which led her to participate in the following organizations. She served on the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and the Myrtis Taylor Mental Health Center of Mount Pleasant. She was a member of The Board of Parent's Power for the Retarded. She worked as an executive secretary for the Department of Transportation, also serving on the Suspension & Removal Board for ODOT. She worked for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and the Ohio Unemployment Office. She was the founder and coordinator for Corlett Community Council and the editor for the Corlett Community News Letter. She is noted for being the first African American PTU President in Murry Hill School.

Her kwe and enthusiasm for politics caused her to coordinate and lead the late Paul T. Haggard's campaign for council. She ran the office of the late State Representative John D. Thompson. Loretta also worked in the offices to campaign for: Carl Stokes for Mayor Arnold Pinkney for Mayor; Dennis Kucinich for Mayor; Senator John Glen and Congressman Stokes. She served two consecutive terms as Ward Leader for Ward 29. She was Precinct Committee-person for 4 terms.

Loretta earned awards from the OH House of Representatives, City Council and Cuyahoga County Commissioners. She received the Good Neighbors of Cleveland award in 1969.

Woman does not live on work alone. Mrs. Nowell also devoted her share of time to God. She found a church home in Nazarene Baptist Church. There she not only found joy in worshiping, she also met her husband, Rev. Sheldon Nowell. On April 17, 1994 Loretta and Sheldon Nowell were married and for the past 18 years have been deeply devoted to each other and thankful for the wonderful life they shared together.

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Assoc; East Cleveland Precinct Committee-person; and President of 100 Women for East Cleveland. She helped to organize and run TRAP (Trips for Retired Aggressive People.) She worked for many elected officials, including: Mayors Wallace Davis &

Eric Brewer, Judge Una Keenan, Judge Sandra Walker, council women Elizabeth Omar, Jacqueline Gillium, Dr. Joy Jordan, Chantelle Lewis, and Nathan Whitaker. She also did public speaking on the hardships of blindness.

Loretta leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Sheldon; son Emery Nichols; sisters Jessie Moore, & Fannye Roscoe, brother Tyree (Millie )Brown ; step sons, Terrell Nowell, Pendric Nowell; mother-in-law, Irene Howard; sister-in-law, Gladys Howard; and a host of nieces nephews, cousins , family and friends.