

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



November 20, 1964

February 2, 2025

La Wanza
Lett-Brewington

Tampa, Florida 🌸 June 29, 2025

A Note from the Family

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for joining us today to celebrate the life of La Wanza Lett-Brewington. Your presence here is a testament to the love and support you have shown her throughout the years. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of affection during this difficult time.

La Wanza's kind heart and gentle spirit touched so many.
Her light shines on in our hearts.

Thank you once again for honoring La Wanza's life with us today. It means the world to our family.

With heartfelt gratitude,



The Lett Family

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
La Wanza Lett-Brewington

WELCOME

Jearl Lett

EULOGY READING

Brittney Robinson

POEM READING

Maya Brewington

OPEN MIC

We invite family and friends to share their cherished memories, stories, and reflections about La Wanza.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dana Lett

PRAYER

BRUNCH IS SERVED

Hummingbird

by La Wanza Lett-Brewington

Hummingbird
Hummingbird

Fly
Jewel
fly

Beautiful
Elegant

Lively music to my eye

Hummingbird
hummingbird
you buzz by

Hummingbird
hummingbird
grace in flight

Hummingbird
hummingbird
out of sight



La Wanza Lett-Brewington

Obituary

La Wanza Francine Lett-Brewington passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2025, in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. We all will miss this woman of immense grace, strength and unwavering dedication to justice. She leaves us with a legacy of love, advocacy and profound impact.

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, La Wanza was raised in Tempe, Arizona and Tampa, Florida (summers and some holidays). La Wanza graduated from Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe, Arizona. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Dedicating her life to uplifting others, La Wanza had an extraordinary gift – making people feel truly seen, heard and understood. Throughout her career, she led several university women's centers including UMass Amherst and Old Dominion University in Virginia. She supported survivors of domestic violence, guiding them toward hope and healing. La Wanza fought tirelessly against discrimination, founding the Discrimination Prevention Project in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. Upon returning to Massachusetts, she became a trailblazer as the Title IX Coordinator for Greenfield Community College (MA) and as Affirmative Action Officer & Title IX Coordinator at Berkshire Community College (MA), ensuring fairness and equity in education.

A passionate writer, playwright and poet, La Wanza published two books, *Today Is Your Day* and *Reflections & Tears: Voices of My People* and was working on two more books. Her words live on in her books, plays, poems, and video monologues – testaments to her belief that when we pour our love into the world, we leave the

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Obituary, cont'd

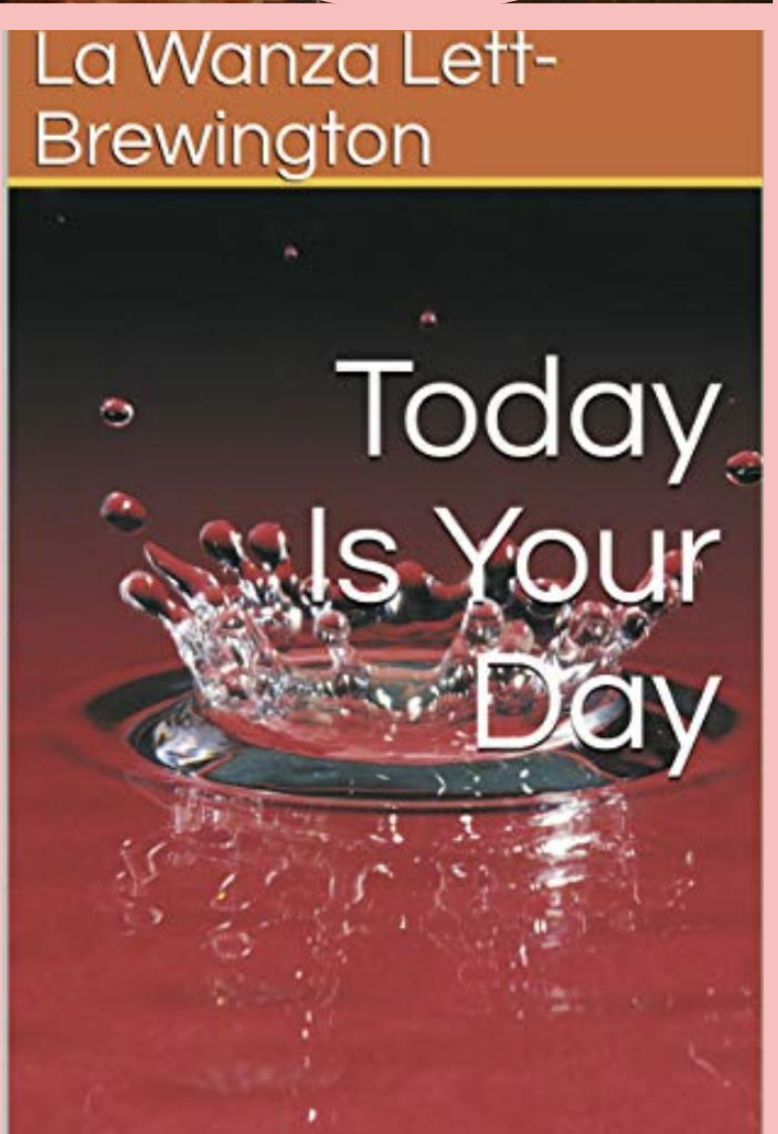
world a better place. La Wanza, along with her late husband Dwayne Brewington, established the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Jr. Celebration at Greenfield Community College (MA), a tradition that just celebrated its 26th year in January 2025.

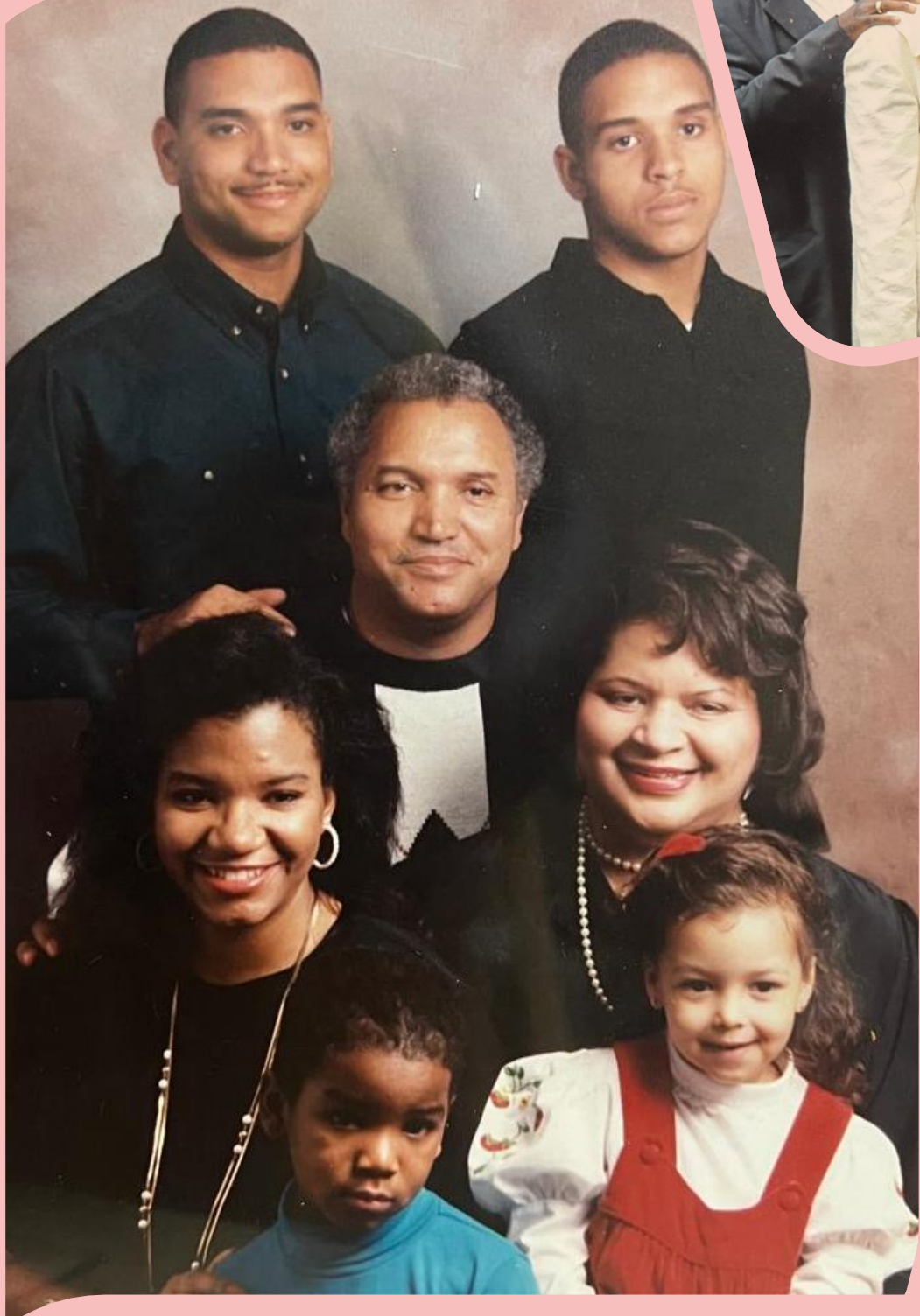
La Wanza pledged her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in 2004 as an initiate of Gamma Theta Omega Chapter (Tampa, FL), the chapter which her late stepmother Stella Jemison Lett had been a member. La Wanza served in various roles in her AKA chapters including serving twice as Xi Xi Omega Chapter President (Springfield, MA). She was most recently a member of Epsilon Omicron Omega Chapter in Hartford, Connecticut.

La Wanza is survived by her beloved children Danton Brewington (Yulia) and Maya Brewington, her dear father Marcell Lett (Mary), and her cherished siblings Keith Money, Matthew Lett (Cheryl), Kwambe Mack (Michelle), Jearl Lett (Tamara), Dana Lett (Tina), and Brittney Robinson, her nieces and nephews, a host of aunts and uncles, and her sister-in-law Trina Brewington and her family. She was preceded in passing by her devoted husband Dwayne Brewington, her loving mother Ida King Mack and stepfather Leroy Mack, her maternal grandmother Lillie Bell King, her paternal grandmother Frances Thomas and her stepmother Stella Jemison Lett.

La Wanza leaves behind a lasting imprint on the many lives she touched including her family, friends, colleagues, community members and Sorors.

In remembrance of La Wanza, we encourage you to strive to make a positive difference – no matter how big or small.





Today Is Your Day

An excerpt from the book

By La Wanza Lett-Brewington

You don't have to **DREAM
about better days**

You can **move towards them**

You are **amazing**

You are **meant to be here**

You have **purpose**

TODAY IS YOUR DAY

Being a Leader

by La Wanza Lett-Brewington

If you were going to be a leader
Be a leader.

Don't wait
Do it
Be it
Learn it
Hone it
Take it
Become it
Know it
Show it
Share it
Embrace it

But most of all
Don't let someone else tell you
You cannot be it

If you believe
You can
You will
You are
A leader



Alpha & Omega

by La Wanza Lett-Brewington

Alpha and Omega
He's worthy
To you and me

He sees us all
As we always will be
And more
Much more to see

Believe
On high
Higher to see
The one
I am

That is He.

