



## Violet C. Robinson

May 22, 1937 - June 24, 2020

Violet Christina Robinson, affectionately known as Vi, was born on May 22, 1937, in Ingram Branch, West Virginia. She was the second born of seven daughters to the late Leroy and Christina Johnson. Her parents raised her to live a life that demonstrated her love for God, others, and herself. Early Wednesday morning, June 24, 2020, after a two-year battle with cancer, God in his infinite mercy called Violet to her eternal home in Glory.

At an early age, Vi gave her life to Christ and joined the Ingram Grove Baptist Church. She became a member of Wayland Baptist Church in 1960, where she taught Sunday school for several years. In 1979, she joined New Psalmist Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member for 41 years, who could be counted on to support Bishop Thomas' vision for the church. She felt honored to speak about the history of the New Psalmist Baptist church at the first service held at the Frederick Road location. She and her husband, Raymond G. Robinson, faithfully attended the Sunday morning 7:15 am service and could be found seated in row K, seats 201 & 202. She was devoted to memorizing scripture, and reading and studying the Bible. She attended numerous Bible study classes, workshops, and conferences over the years. In 2013, she graduated from the 3-year Discipleship program.

Vi graduated in 1954, at the top of her class from Simmons High School, in Montgomery, West Virginia. She performed so well in school that her father proudly predicted she would be the doctor in the family. She loved playing the trumpet in the marching band. At times she would reminisce about the day she came home from school to find that her parents had purchased her a new trumpet of her very own.

The day after graduation, at the age of 17, she and her sister Clem moved to Baltimore. She acquired employment at the Baltimore Eye, Ear, and Throat hospital the next day. It was not long before she met and married her neighbor, Frissell P. Lemon Sr. They had two daughters, Maria and Vivian, and she became a loving stepmom to Frissell Jr. In 1958, Frissell Sr. succumbed to a fatal stroke. Vi, a young widow and mother of two toddlers returned to work. She made many sacrifices for her daughters to ensure that the effects of

growing up without their father were minimal. She was a loving, nurturing, and doting mother, always putting her daughters first in every earthly thing. She was blessed with a loving village of support, especially from her in-laws who made summer vacations, cultural outings, and holidays extra special for her girls. Her village of support also encouraged her with prayer, phone calls and visits during her illness.

In 1966, Vi began her career at the Social Security Administration (SSA) at the Civic Howard Building. She had a great work ethic, and took pride in her job performance and the importance of her work to the public. Throughout her 30 year career, she consistently received outstanding performance reviews and awards. In 1975, she was selected for the Upward Mobility Program and through it, at the age of 38, she attended Coppin State College. She worked diligently to make and stay on the Dean's list. Vi retired from SSA in 1996.

It was at SSA where she met the love of her life, Raymond G. Robinson. They were married at New Psalmist Baptist Church on May 7, 1983. Her daughters were so happy for her. They also loved this gentle man, whose companionship added so much love and happiness to their mother's life. Vi and Ray were always on the go, traveling, cruising, attending Mason events, going to festivals and Baltimore's harbor with the grandkids. At the time of Ray's death, June 7, 2018, they had celebrated 35 devoted years of marriage.

Vi was blessed with the gift of hospitality and she was a great cook. She loved to host family and friends in her home. Whether you were invited or dropped-in, she insisted that you sit down and have something to eat. She very much cared for her neighbors and her neighborhood of 47 years. She was active in her neighborhood association and served as secretary for several years. She had a great sense of humor, and delighted in saying the unexpected to make you laugh. Some of her hobbies included interior decorating, making flower arrangements, origami money gifts, gardening, and playing the piano.

Vi was preceded in death by her parents Leroy and Christina Johnson, husband Raymond G. Robinson, sister Patricia Moss, brother-in-laws Fred Conaway and Robert Moss; stepson, Frissell P. Lemon Jr.

Memories of her precious life will forever remain in the mind and heart of her daughters, Maria D. Smith and Vivian G. Forrest, daughter-in-law, Delois Lemon; grandchildren, Dionne L. Spencer (Jasper), Letta M. Simon (Michael), Lisa Lemon, Anthony Lemon (Marlo), Xavier Lemon, and Andrew M. Rheubottom, great-grandchildren, Jordyn & Noah Spencer, Lilian-Grace Christina and Michaela-Rose Violet Simon; god-daughters Pamela Bean and Alicia White; sisters, Clem Conaway, Jennifer Pankey, Dorothy Plummer

(Frank), Nan Curtis (William), Darlene Johnson; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery

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## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD, 21207

# Events

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**JUL** **Viewing** 02:00PM - 05:45PM

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March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD, US

**JUL** **Wake** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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**JUL** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Violet C. Robinson, Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - July 02 at 08:04 PM

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“ We viewed the service by streaming today. Vi was a living testimony of Christ dwelling on the inside. We will truly miss our weekly 7:15 am conversations with her about family members.  
Be blessed,  
Robert and Jean Ragin

Jean Ragin - July 03 at 06:44 PM

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“ Vi and I became great friends while attending Disciple class. Later we discovered we shared a family bond by marriage. She always called me Cuz. I'll missed her smile and humor so much.

inez E cook - July 03 at 12:35 PM

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“ So sorry we could not be in attendance, however, our hearts are heavy with the family. May God continue to bless your entire family. She truly left a legacy. Much love, Billy and Sandy Anderson



Billy Anderson - July 03 at 12:27 PM

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“ Prayers to the family on the loss of Ms. Vi. May God cover you all.

**Monica Shuler-Marrow** - July 03 at 11:03 AM

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“ This purpose-driven cousin offered our family so much, Generously she gave 83 years of love, integrity, wit, warmth, and excellence. We will miss 'Dr. VI,' Members of this strong family will remain in my thoughts and prayers, - Rev. Lawrence N, Clark

**Lawrence N Clark** - July 03 at 10:04 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Dionne L Spencer** - July 02 at 10:18 PM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to such a beautiful person so sorry i couldn't be there with my family my prayers and love are with you i know you all are holding up because God the father have you wrapped in his arms love you family. Laugrita Tucker

**Laugrita Tucker** - July 02 at 10:49 PM



“ So many precious memories for such a beautiful, kind, warm, awesome mother, sister, wife, aunt, grandmother, Friend, and woman of God. You were so easy to live. You will be missed!☐

**Sandra** - July 03 at 09:18 AM



“ You were so easy to love!

**Sandra** - July 03 at 09:18 AM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing Violet. She will be missed by family and friends. Much love.

**Deanna (Wade) Martin** - July 04 at 01:27 PM

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“ May God Bless you and your family forevermore  
Alvin and Paulina Singletary  
3128 Peverly Run Road  
Abingdon, Maryland 21009



**Alvin Singletary** - July 02 at 03:08 PM

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“ We send out deepest condolences and prayers to the family. We have such fond memories of Mrs Robinson and know she is in the Lord’s loving grace and mercy. May God continue to bless the entire family!

**Dawn and Keith Matthews** - July 02 at 02:48 PM

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“ Jenn, Debbie, Charles, Zoe & Mike purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Violet C. Robinson.



**Jenn, Debbie, Charles, Zoe & Mike** - June 29 at 05:18 PM

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“ Free at last thank God almighty you're free at last. Now take your eternal rest in Jesus. We love and will miss you.  
To the your family may GOD give you strength comfort and peace.  
Sheron L. Matthews

**Sheron Matthews** - June 29 at 03:08 PM

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“ You are now covered with God's eternal peace and rest. You will be missed.

**Barbara Bates** - June 29 at 02:20 PM



“ Dear Family, Our hearts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Vi was as special first cousin to me and we loved her very much. She was much a big part of this family and will be missed by the family and everyone who has ever known her. She is now

at peace resting with our Almighty God. Our our deepest condolences. With Love, Corless,  
Hamm, Billy, Georgette, and Tyler

**Corless, Hamm, Billy, Georgette & Tyler** - July 02 at 11:19 PM