



Anna C. Rice

November 8, 1938 - May 21, 2017

Born Virginia Ann Duckett November 8, 1938 in Baltimore City, the last child of the late Joseph and Maggie Duckett. Her father died on December 29, 1940, a World War II Veteran, leaving Mrs. Duckett a widow to raise her clan alone.

A spinal cord injury at 7 years old never stopped her ability to succeed for 72 years. She was educated at St. Peters Claver Catholic School in Baltimore. She took on a name change as Anna Cecelia.

Anna met and married the late James Fairfax Rice in June, 1953. From this blessed union two daughters, Joan Peterson and JoAnn Rice, were born. Later she was blessed with her only son, Jarrett Turner Spruill III, whom she adored

Throughout her career Anna worked for Maryland Workshop for the blind and after 25 years of faithful service retired. Anna took a part-time job with Champion Ford as a key attendant before retiring permanently from the workforce. She became a permanent volunteer at the University of Maryland, donating 20,000 hours. One of her proudest moments was Channel 13 honoring her and awarding her with Channel 13 Salute and broadcasting it on TV.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, never questioning

God about her affliction.

Anna joined New St Mark Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Issac J. Gilliam who baptist her 1969. She became a faithful missionary. After the church relocated, she joined Bethel A.M.E. in 1982 under Rev. John Bryant. She was a dedicated servant until her health declined.

Affectionately called "Aunt Tootie", " Trudy" "Ma" , and "Grandmom", she would be the first to help in time of need. She would never question you or make judgement. Sending flowers, gifts, cards, nice presents was very common for Anna. Some still have her love gifts to remember her by. Anna conducted all her siblings houses from her telephone. Only 5'1 in stature, she was a remarkable giant; stern and tough.

Anna enjoyed listening to gospel music and talk shows. Every morning she would always start off with the prayer from the late Bishop G.E. Patterson. While waiting on breakfast, she would listen to Radio 1010, the Larry Young show with Coach, and her favorite, Daren Muhammad show on Saturday mornings, Radio 1590. From her bedside she would conduct her own show, offering her opinion and comments on world events.

After the untimely death of her granddaughter, her cat, Ms Kitty, she mourned miserably. To continue her wonderful legacy are: two daughters, Joan Peterson (James) and JoAnn Rice; son, Jarrett Turner Spruill 3rd (Valencia); three grandchildren, Sharlene Bell, Wali Gilliam, whom she affectionately called "Ricky", and her sweetie, Sharina Spruill; three great-grandchildren; newly adopted kitty, Ms. Sheba (her cat); special devoted niece, Ms Brenda Breaux; great-nieces, Jessica and Nicole Peterson; lifetime friend, Karen Gant; caregiver, Ms. Serina Dookie; problem solver, Mr. Stanley Barnes; her security detail, Mr. Wendell Simon; barber, Derrick Brown and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that will miss her.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
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Wake

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anna C. Rice*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our condolences to Ms Jo Ann and her family on the passing away of her mother. I hope our friendship and prayers ease her through this difficult time. God rest Anna's soul in peace.*

Mohit Grover - July 07, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *FAMILY OF OUR DEAR BELOVED SISTER
ANNA C RICE
Please accept our dearest heart filled
sympathy :
The Neighbors of Bolton Hill*



Bolton Hill - June 08, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Words can*t express the loss of a dear friend so much talent and hard work
Mrs. Anna always donated gloves and coats to the homeless children annually
This help so many families to stay warm*

Jamaica Social Club - June 01, 2017 at 09:30 PM

WG

“ we love you so much miss your beautiful smile that could light a lantern without oil
Knowing your on the right side with God made me smile.

Wali Gilliam - June 01, 2017 at 09:17 PM

JT

“ To Jo Ann Rice and family:

Jatin and Sarju Thakkar and family and all members and staff of Swami Group send their condolence and prayers your way over the death of your beloved mother Anna C. Rice. Your mother is a unique person in your life. When she left you on the 21st of this month, she left a void that cannot be filled by any other person in this world. But she also continues to live in all of you and has left a lasting memory in the lives of all of you too. May her soul rest in peace.



Jatin Thakkar - May 31, 2017 at 12:51 PM

BL

“ Sending My Most Sincere Condolences To Joanne and Family!! Love Bernadette Lyles



Bernadette Lyles - May 31, 2017 at 12:10 PM

HS

“ My condolences to the family of Anna Rice. My heart goes out to you during this time of sorrow.



Harry Sivells - May 30, 2017 at 04:07 AM

DF

“ Dee and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Anna C. Rice.



Dee and family - May 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM

VN

“ I wanted to sign the guestbook of your dear loved one because I lost my Grandmother two years ago. I wanted to share a scripture that has helped me, and still helps me everyday. The scripture is encouraging because it says what God will do for us. Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces". I hope that this will bring some comfort for you and your family.

Veronica Newman - May 27, 2017 at 10:20 AM

SD

“ I had the opportunity to see firsthand how strong, charming, and loving Ms Anna Rice was. Even though I was her caretaker she showed me love and concerns like a mother. I missed her and May God remembers her on the Last Day.

Serina Dokie - May 27, 2017 at 06:11 AM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Anna C. Rice.*



May 27, 2017 at 12:11 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family of Mrs Anna Rice, our hearts are heavy at this sad time. To the family, stay strong and trust in God for he will see you through it all. God bless. Mr & Mrs Herman Harried Jr.*

Dorothy Harried - May 26, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dorothy Harried lit a candle in memory of Anna C. Rice*



Dorothy Harried - May 26, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *Lisa Cully lit a candle in memory of Anna C. Rice*



Lisa Cully - May 26, 2017 at 12:08 AM

GC

“ My thoughts and prays go out to the love ones and family of Ms. Anna. I know that this time may be very difficult, but I would encourage you to stay strong and place your trust in God. Keep in mind that this is not a defeat, but a victory for her because she is now with our Lord. So as you grieve the passing of Ms. Anna have faith that her love will always be with you. Have a thankful spirit for the blessings of god and the times you shared with her. Than smile and square your shoulders and carry on with all the life lessons and perseverance she leave behind in pray.



Gretchen Crosland - May 25, 2017 at 02:09 PM

RJ

“ To be honest
We may have asked too much of the Tree
As her fruit, we asked her to journey with us without end
We're blessed to be the seed
And in the passing of our Mother Trees
We are left with bearing the fruit of those to come
With future seasons to endure
We hope to nourish
As we have been lovingly fed

Ronnie James and Family

Ronnie James - May 25, 2017 at 09:28 AM

VP

“ There are no goodbyes for us wherever you are you will always be in my heart until we talk again

Valerie Pressley - May 25, 2017 at 07:45 AM

JO

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Jorice - May 25, 2017 at 06:00 AM

LD

“ To my aunt Anna C. Rice there a place in my heart is right next to my father your brother James A. DUCKETT SR. that has always been there and will be there until my end of time So rest on my aunt LOVE You



Lillian Dupree - May 23, 2017 at 05:13 PM



Michael Croxton

I don't know who this is, but if you're related to my aunt then obviously we're related. I love all of my family and I hope we can all be closer and see each other more often. Life is too short and families need to stick together. ❤️

Michael Croxton - May 25, 2017 at 01:19 PM

RD

To my family and specially Joan I pray that God Will bless and keep you as you go through this difficult time.the lost of a mother is hard but God Will keep you.remember to trust in the Lord. Jude 1 :24now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, (25)verse to the only wise God our savior ,be glory and majestic , dominion and power,both now and ever amen. Love always Arnett Jesus never fails."

Rev. Arnett Duckett - May 25, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 23, 2017 at 03:03 PM