



Antoinette B. Dickerson

May 2, 1942 - May 28, 2022

Antoinette Louise Best Dickerson was born on May 2, 1942. She was the second born child to Charles Frank Best, Sr.- (Buddy) and Dorothy Watkins Best.

Antoinette joined Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church at an early age. She matriculated through Richmond's Vandivival School and later Maggie Walk5r High. She was a proud Green Dragon, a member of the cheerleading squad, and a graduate of the class of 1959.

During high school she exhibited a high proficiency for typing, exceeding 140 words per minute. She perfected and leveraged this skill into a lifelong career at several companies, including the Richmond Urban League and Virginia Commonwealth University, where she served as executive assistant for three deans of the renowned School of the Arts for more than 30 years.

During high school, she met neighborhood friend, Horace Alfonso Carter III (Bubba). In 1963 that relationship yielded a son, Kevin Durl Best. Antoinette was a devoted single mother and firm disciplinarian focused on ensuring her son grew up with solid values in a mostly segregated city.

In 1968, Antoinette wed James Garnett Dickerson III (Jeff Jr.). She and Jeff built a humble and successful life together. It was commonplace to see cars

parked in the driveway and on the lawn of their home on Laburnum Avenue (affectionately called "407" as they hosted family and friends. To this union LaTisha Antoinette was born. In LaTisha, Antoinette raised a confident, smart and culturally aware young woman. She also instilled in Kevin and LaTisha an expectation of academic excellence and receiving a college degree despite leaving Virginia Union University before completing her degree to work and help support the family.

During her retirement years, Antoinette remained a devoted family caretaker and served as the Financial Secretary for Sixth Mount Zion. Most of all, she cherished her daily time with her beloved granddaughter "Laela Bug". She also looked forward to the annual summer visits from her "grand boys" Devin and Dixon. And, all walks of family and friends enjoyed her Sunday meals with homemade rolls, macaroni and cheese, and of course pound cake with cream cheese icing. Some of her most enjoyable times were spent with her brother, Charles, and cousin, Bobby Jr., just sitting around telling jokes and laughing about a lifetime of memories.

Antoinette was a kind soul and preceded in death by her parents, Buddy and Dorothy Best; and her husband, Jeff. She leaves to cherish her memory a son, Kevin (Dani); daughter, LaTisha (Harry); grandchildren, Devin, Dixon, Laela, and Carter; brother, Charles E. Best, Jr.; niece, Charneeta; devoted friends, Jackie Wilson of Delray Beach, FL and Joanne Wall of Richmond, VA; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUN 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church
14 W. Duval Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Tribute Wall



“ *Antoinette B. Dickerson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Good evening family,
Hello, this your cousin from Baltimore, MD-(Charles Pinkney), I
have been praying for you all when I learned of the passing of
Cousin Antoinette. Continue to trust the Lord and he will gave you
peace, strength and mercy in your time of recovery. I will always
remember her loving smile and kindness.*

Charles Pinkney - June 12, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *I use to sit beside her at church and when I fell and broke my foot...
she was kind to me and helped me with my errands.My prayer's are
with her family.. such a beautiful lady and she will be missed.*

Sasha Foster - June 09, 2022 at 12:32 AM



“ *Antoinette was a very kind., soft spoken Christian woman. Peace of
God be with you.
Rita Boisseau Bonner*

Rita Boisseau Bonner - June 08, 2022 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Rest in peace sweet Antoinette*

Shirley Peters McCray



Shirley Peters McCray - June 06, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antoinette B. Dickerson.*



June 06, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Walter Robinson Jr. lit a candle in memory of Antoinette B. Dickerson*



Walter Robinson Jr. - June 06, 2022 at 04:46 AM

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“ *Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Antoinette B. Dickerson*



Joy Smith - June 02, 2022 at 07:42 PM

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“ Stephen Franklin lit a candle in memory of
Antoinette B. Dickerson



Stephen Franklin - June 02, 2022 at 12:33 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 - June 01, 2022 at 03:18 PM