



Arabella Davenport Shelton

May 12, 1925 - August 9, 2013

Reflections of Life

Arabella D. Shelton was called from labor to reward by her Father in heaven on Friday, August 9, 2013. Born to the late Rev. Junius L. and Nancy C. Davenport on May 12, 1925 in Elmont, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 53 years, Berry B. Shelton, Sr. She was also preceded in death by two brothers; William Davenport, Sr. and Junius Davenport, Jr.

She attended Hanover County Public Schools and accepted Christ at an early age. In later years, she met and married Berry Sr., and from that union they had four sons. She was a faithful Deaconess, dedicated choir member, Chairman of the Youth Group and served on the Hospitality Committee at First Baptist Church, Elmont. She was always willing to serve in any capacity to help others.

Arabella obtained her certification as a Food Handler from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She was an active member of the NAACP and Chickahominy Baptist Association. She was an Extension Leader in the 4-H Club. Arabella was a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 211. She retired in 1988, after 25 years of service, as a cafeteria manager for Hanover Public County Schools. After years of working as a private duty nurse, she continued to serve the community and enjoyed traveling, relaxing, and spending time

with her family and friends. In more recent years, Arabella moved her membership to St. Peter Baptist Church and was an active member until her illness.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories to her devoted sons, Berry Jr. (Rita), James III, Julian Sr. (Janet), Gary Sr. (Betty); ten grandchildren, Berry III (Holly), Lisa, Barry Sr. (Tirza), James IV (Marilene), Julian Jr. (Beena), Bianca (John), Gabrielle, Gary Jr., Ashley, Dwight; twelve great-grandchildren, Marques, Jaelyn, Shelby, Brandon, Jasmin, Shyli, Barry Jr., Jaylen, Jace, Jon-Luc, Elyssa, Gian-Carlo; one great-great-grandson, Julian; a loyal sister, Lillian Powell; a god-daughter, Evangeline Brown; a devoted nephew, Franklin Moore; two dedicated friends, Georgia Stevens and Barbara Mines; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road
Hanover, VA 23069

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 16. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Baptist Church
2040 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Tribute Wall



“ *Arabella Davenport Shelton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *JuJu, JD, Berry and Gary...We want to let you know that we are very sorry to hear about you Mother's passing, She was a very kind, pleasant and lovely woman, May GOD continue to bless and keep your family and may the many memories that you share of her always be with you. Mabel and Celestine Anderson*

Celestine Anderson - August 19, 2013 at 01:04 PM



“ *JD and family: The love and support of a mother can never be replaced, but we hope you find some strength I love of family and in the warm embrace of friends.*

Truman & Minnie Bolden, Dover,DE.

Truman Bolden - August 16, 2013 at 06:27 PM



“ *Julian and Janet, Our hearts go out to you and your family in the loss of your mother. We will continue to lift you up in prayer. In His Love, Cecil and Glenys Turner*

Cecil and Glenys Turner - August 14, 2013 at 08:40 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Arabella Davenport Shelton



Dorothy Brooks - August 14, 2013 at 05:45 PM

DB

Learned today of her passing.. Sorry for your loss. She was a lovely lady. Cherish the fond memories you have of her....

Dorothy Brooks - August 14, 2013 at 05:51 PM

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“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the death of Arabella Davenport Shelton. God did not want us to die, as a matter of fact, he hates death and calls it an enemy 1Corinthians 15:26 "As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing." Jesus tells us at John 5: 28, 29 "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, ..."

Bible Student - August 12, 2013 at 05:01 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 - August 12, 2013 at 12:44 PM