



Burnett Laverne Janes

October 15, 1942 - August 1, 2014

The Obituary

Burnett Laverne Janes was born on October 15, 1942 to the late George E. Janes, Sr and the late Bettie Sears Janes in Buckingham County, Virginia. She was called to be with the Lord on August 1, 2014. Burnett was predeceased by her sisters, Anna B. Janes and Catherine L. James and her brothers George E. James, Jr., and Earnest L. James.

Burnett was educated in the Richmond Public Schools system, graduating from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1961. After the completion of her secretarial and business administration course at Smith Madden Business College in 1967, her vocational journey to C&P Telephone Company began in 1968. Burnett was employed as a telephone operator and experienced the evolution of C&P Telephone to Bell-Atlantic to finally Verizon. Her duties included everything from working in directory to being a telephone repair person.

After her retirement in 1996, Burnett worked a series of public services positions and eventually became a longterm caregiver with The Help Agency. Her faithfulness and commitment to service could also be found at Riverview Baptist Church as chairperson of the Hospitality Ministry and as chairperson of the Mary E. Golden Ushers Ministry. She served in every way possible in

both of these ministries, most recently becoming a trustee of the church, until she began experiencing health challenges.

Burnett was also known by many names: Shirley, Ma Shirley, Mama Janes, Miss Janes, even Miss Riverview. She was beautiful, vivacious, elegant, humorous, loving, nurturing, encouraging, compassionate, faithful, and committed to her family, friends, church, and community.

Many of us have partaken of many delicious meals, and great conversations as she shared stories about life, love, and loss. As a single parent, Burnett was a great mother who supported her daughter through every accomplishment and every trial. She worked all of her life making sure that everyone around her was okay. She was the glue you found in every crack, bringing support to others by a phone call, a visit, or a hug. This was her ministry and is indeed her legacy.

Left with cherished memories are her daughter, Lisa R. Janes; three sisters, Mary J. Baker, Inez J. Holmes (Raymond), and Betty J. Hicks, all of Richmond; one brother-in-law; several nieces and nephews; a host of cousins, other relatives, former co-workers, church family and friends. She will be greatly missed by her loving and caring family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

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

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Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Baptist Church
2604 Idlewood Ave.
Richmond, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett Laverne Janes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 5yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - August 09, 2014 at 05:03 PM



“ *Ms. Janes... Ms. Janes....
We can only say...though it may have seemed too short a time for such a beautiful lady, you were and will always be loved and remember by your pleasant smile, funniness, and beauty. Party on baby! See you next time??*

Be blessed from The Hawkins Family

kizzie - August 07, 2014 at 06:47 PM

MC

“ *The New Verison Richmond Pioneers want to express our concolences for the loss of your loved one...she will be greatly missed..Prayers and thoughts are with you*



MARY SIMONFELLOWSHIP CHAIRMANS - August 07, 2014 at 01:00 PM

HC

“ *To the Janes Family:*

Your family have our prayers and thoughts with you during this time. We all loved Burnette and she was a part of our family as well. God makes no mistakes and always welcomes the BEST in his home. You will be missed.



*The Williams Family,
Hazel, Lucy, LC, Nikki*

Hazel Cheatham - August 07, 2014 at 10:44 AM

CS

“ To the Janes Family:

I was totally shocked and hurt upon hearing about Burnett's transition. Every time I saw her she was picture perfect in her appearance and the way she treated and greeted everyone she encountered. I am going to miss her smile and her warmth. She leaves a great legacy here with us. I pray that God grant you Peace and Grace at this time of sorrow. I had the wonderful privilege of working with Burnett at Verizon where we both retired and we kept in contact with each other after retirement.

Carolyn Taylor Smith

Carolyn Taylor Smith - August 07, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Burnett Laverne Janes.*



August 06, 2014 at 06:14 PM

DB

“ *Discipleship and Fellowship Ministry -Riverview Baptist purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Burnett Laverne Janes.*



Discipleship and Fellowship Ministry -Riverview Baptist -
August 06, 2014 at 06:13 PM

TW

“ Terry Williams lit a candle in memory of Burnett Laverne Janes



Terry Williams - August 06, 2014 at 04:38 PM

NB

“ To The Janes Family: My heart was deeply sadden when I learned of the homegoing of Sister Burnett. We worked in the same building together for many years (C&P, Verizon). God put us together again in the Ladies Ushers' Union. She was truly a child of God. She was very kind with a smile for everyone. She lived a life that everyone could see Jesus in her. I know she is with Him now, but she will surely be missed by all that knew her. With Love N. J. Broadie, Ladies Ushers Union of Richmond & Vicinity



N. J Broadie - August 06, 2014 at 03:07 PM

SB

“ Mama Janes was a wondrous miracle to my life, as well the lives of others. I knew nothing but love in her presence. She made me smile and spoiled me to no end. She often made Lisa get up and fix me something to eat when I was hungry. Mama Janes would say, 'That's your young sister... Take care of her!' Lol. I miss you already, Mama Janes! I promise I will take care of my older sister as well! To the Janes family... May God continue to comfort you in the awesomeness of His abundant love. To God be the glory for her life! Blessings!

Sharon D. Banks - August 06, 2014 at 01:45 AM

SO

“ Lisa and family--so sad to hear of Shirley's passing, but we know that she is safe in the arms of Our Lord now in heaven. May you find peace and comfort in the days to come and know that friends share your loss during this difficult time. Praying that God continues to give you strength and blessings...Love, Snookie and Funke



Stephonia Owolabi - August 05, 2014 at 02:42 PM

DW

“ Ms. Lisa and Family, you have my deepest condolences during this difficult time. My heart was sadden to learn of the passing of your love one. I will truly miss Ms. Burnett. I want to thank you for sharing her with me and my son. I will hold the memories of her in my heart always. Love, Dominica Williams

Dominica Williams - August 05, 2014 at 02:35 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 04, 2014 at 04:31 PM

VA

*Hello Lisa and family, I am so sorry to read that your mom passed. I know with the great faith and love for our Lord, Jesus, that you have that YOU will be alright, knowing WHERE she is and WHO is taking care of her now. I remember how thoughtful you were, and the card that you sent to my family when our mother passed 6 years ago. Your Aunt Mary J was in school with me, your mom was in school with my sister, and your family and my mother and father were neighbors on Northside Ave. I pray that God gives you all His Peace and Comfort during this difficult time and in the days and weeks to come. Sincerely,
Veronica GRAY Archer,
(Thomas & Annie Gray's daughter)*

Veronica Archer - August 06, 2014 at 01:52 PM

EW

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Lisa and the entire family of Barnett Laverne Janes (Shirley) during this most difficult time. Shirley will be missed by all of us. She was an inspiration and a woman of GOD with a wonderful spirit that touched many lives. We will all cherish the wonderful memories we shared with Shirley down through the years. She was a family oriented person and always supported her immediate and extended family whenever there was a need. You could always depend on Shirley to be there. We love you for that Shirley. You are now with the Lord and will be our Guardian Angel watching over us.

May God continue to give us all the strength and peace to get through this very difficult time. Rest in peace Shirley, I know Uncle George and Aunt Betty and Catherine were there to greet you with open arms.

*We love you and will forever miss you until that great day.
Your Cousins*

Elder Ronald Williams, Terry and Pamela Williams, Michael Williams and Jerry Williams.

Elder Ronald Williams - August 06, 2014 at 03:02 PM

RT

Lisa and family, I was truly heartbroken when I heard that my sister in Christ had gone home. But then I realized that Burnett was truly a woman of God and that her love and spirit will be with those of us who knew her forever. She used to pray with me and for me through the good and the bad. Thank you for sharing her with me.

*Be Blessed
Rose Turner*

Rose Turner - August 06, 2014 at 09:23 PM