



Dolores Odell Gaines Day

October 14, 1933 - December 26, 2020

Legacy of Life

Mrs. Dolores Odell Gaines Day, 87, the daughter of the late Mrs. Ann Odell Gaines Dudley and Walter Gaines Sr. was born on October 14, 1933 in Woodville, a largely black community of Henrico County, VA. Her mother divorced Walter and would marry the late Frederick Dudley who became known as Daddy Fred (uncle Fred for some) a father and grandfather who was loved and respected by all. Dolores was preceded in death by her husband Julius Novil Day Sr., children Sonja Bonita and Lyndon Cedric Day; grandchildren Tiffany Day, Finley Day Jr.; great-grandchild Mario Day-Christian and brother Walter Gaines Jr. (Margaret). Their union which lasted well over fifty years also produced two surviving sons Julius Novil Day Jr. (Annette) and Finley Ricardo Day Sr.

Dolores who answered to many names including Mrs. Day, Babygaines, Baby, Lo, Lois, Aunt Lois, Grandma and Mama Day was a proud graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School. Woodville had since been annexed by the city of Richmond. There she studied to become a seamstress. However, childcare was the lifelong call to which she answered. The list of children that she kept included family, those of friends and even some who simply needed a safe haven to grow. The names are far too many to mention. Dolores often kept children overnight whose parents worked odd hour jobs or those enrolled in

night school. She treated each child as her own. For that she is ever loved today by a long list of appreciative parents both near and far.

Dolores was a life long member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church. She joined church at an early age when it was located in Woodville. There she sang in the children's choir and served as a youth usher thus beginning her ministerial calling as a lifelong usher. She served as President of the Young Women's League Ushers for many years. Dolores also served as a Trustee joining her late brother Walter in this ministry.

Dolores' childhood education was received at the old Woodville Elementary School which housed 8 grades in 4 rooms. Her home place was located in the middle of the block. At one end was her school and at the other end was her church. Dolores learned to drive while in high school and even trained as a GRTC bus driver while rearing her four children. She wasn't offered the job but her duties as a homemaker kept her plenty busy. Her "baby brother" Tyrone was just two years older than her oldest son Julius, nicknamed Nottie. According to Dolores, she wanted to call him by his middle name but he couldn't say Novil and it came out as Nottie. To this day he remains Nottie Day. Dolores loved pet names. Finley was her Ricky or Rick and Tyrone was her Boo which was short for Booty. Her late brother Walter's name was Dyar, however she alone called him Mike. Tyrone was often a summertime family addition. After several moves Dolores and Julius purchased a house in Providence Park where they lived until he passed.

Julius in addition to being a letter carrier was a Richmond Blue Sox's baseball player. Dolores cooked and packed a heavy lunch for each of his away games. Fried chicken was a staple. She dressed her two older sons just eleven months apart like twins particularly during their early childhood. Her grandchildren Sonya, Jermaine and Brandon for various periods of time during their lives were reared as her own.

Dolores loved to dance. She first met Julius at a dancehall in Washington Park. He offered her a ride home to her girlfriend's house with whom she was visiting. The next day she asked her uncle Herman, who also lived in Washington Park what kind of guy he was. He offered a clean report with the exception of some gambling. Later in their marriage while attending a social event Julius, who wasn't a fast dancer, remarked that "every time I see you you're on the dance floor!". She told him that when you met me I was on the dance floor!

Lastly Dolores loved chocolate. Quite often she would say "That's why I married me a chocolate man!"

Dolores is survived by her two loving sons Julius N. Day Jr. (Annette) and Finley R. Day Sr., brother Tyrone Gaines (Vanesta), six grand children: Sonya Turner, Jermaine Day (Shanell), Brandon Branch-Day, Jenisha Day, Shasoki White, Donshiya White, 7 great-grandchildren: Michael Turner Jr., Makiyah Turner, Ayanna Day-Christian, Christopher Carter, Jayce Day, Jermaine A. Day and Ja'Tasia Wooden and a host of loving and caring nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A special thanks to her Lucy Corr Home staff and friends who loved and cared for her beyond measure.

Cemetery Details

Glendale National Cemetery

8301 Willis Church Road
Henrico, VA 23231

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Dolores Odell Gaines Day, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 04, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dolores Odell Gaines Day*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences...please know that the family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rose, RJ, & Rachelle Jones



Rose, RJ, & Rachelle Jones - January 08, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Keeping my family in prayer. Condolences to Julius, Finley, the grandkids, and all who loved Aunt Dolores.*

Terri Taylor-Dark - January 06, 2021 at 01:42 PM

GB

“ To ALL my cousins in Richmond, especially, Julius and Finley, please know that you are are in my prayers for our Heavenly Father's abundant BLESSING of comfort at this time of the passing of Baby Gains. I have such fond memories of her warmth, generosity and authentic transparency and her cherished relationship with my namesake, Aunt Gloria (Banks) Gary. Our Father's RICHEST/ETERNAL BLESSING upon each of you, cousins!

Sincerely, Gloria (Banks) Bethea (New Jersey).

Gloria Bethea - January 06, 2021 at 11:23 AM

PT

“ Patricia G Thornton lit a candle in memory of Dolores Odell Gaines Day



Patricia G Thornton - January 05, 2021 at 08:33 PM

PT

Your family will be in our prayers, Patricia Ghee Thornton and Family

Patricia G Thornton - January 05, 2021 at 08:34 PM

YJ

Your Family will be in our prayers Yolanda Ghee James and Family

Yolanda Ghee James - January 05, 2021 at 08:35 PM

YJ

We are sorry for your loss and we send condolences to your Family from ours, McNealy's, Terry's, Pulliam's ,Anderson's

Yolanda Ghee James - January 05, 2021 at 08:39 PM

TR

“ *Finley, I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.*

Troy - January 04, 2021 at 09:38 AM

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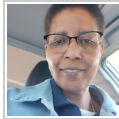
Sincere condolences

Ada Taylor - January 05, 2021 at 01:37 PM

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Bernice Barmore

My condolences to the family, you are in our prayers . Aunt Delores will be greatly missed,love .

Barmore and Haynes Family

Vernice Barmore - January 05, 2021 at 03:10 PM

MT

“ To the family, I offer my deepest condolences and sympathy. Baby Gaines was my mother's first cousin on the Gaines side. She had an unforgettable smile and laugh. I saw her a little over a year ago, on my must visit list and with Baby you could always go down memory lane. In 85, she held the repast for my mother (LOIS). She always did more for who had less. There were several NEVERS that I recall fondly. We NEVER left her house hunger, NEVER a time we did not have a place to lay our heads, NEVER did we leave without more clothes on our backs than we arrived and NEVER did we not have a ride home. Her and Julius were just like that. And the man she referred to as CHOCOLATE, had presence and voice that would straighten you up as he walked into his house. Baby GAINES was love and one angel that will be missed. I love you, Baby.
Michael of Lois and family

Michael Taylor - January 02, 2021 at 09:44 PM

AG

To the entire family & friends, I will miss her dearly & I will lift you all up in prayer. Baby Gaines always showed us her love & kindness, which I realize now that came from the Lord Jesus the Christ. A fam, may the Lord comfort you now & the hours, days, weeks, months, & years to come. Amen 🙏🏻 From: Angelo Giles(Lois Giles baby son)

Angelo Giles - January 06, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores Odell Gaines Day.



January 02, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DG

“ So sorry to have heard of your Mother passing!! I called her D D I am a resident at Reflections Apt where she lived across from me. Always a ROAD RUNNER I CALLED HER always on the Go. Love you "D" see u in the Resurrection.. Debbie Glover

Deborah Glover - January 02, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ 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 - December 31, 2020 at 05:09 PM