



Dolores Rio Nickens

December 19, 1931 - August 20, 2016

On December 19, 1931, God delivered a bundle of joy to Whalie and Nannie Paylor, a beautiful baby girl they named Dolores Rio Nickens. She was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from the very fine Carver Vo Tech High School where she learned tailoring. With her tall stature, a size 3, she was quite the basketball player.

In 1941 the family moved to the white house on the hill, in Halethorpe (at that time known as “the country”). During this time Dolores became a great gardener growing vegetables and quite the farmer helping her dad and mom raise chickens, pigs, and even pet geese. After graduating in 1950, Dolores met this handsome young man, Elmer Nickens and they were married in 1952. Elmer joined the Marines and during his tour they had a daughter named Denise Rochelle. Dolores and Elmer had a home built on Woodside Ave. just in time for their son, Elmer Guy to be born. Dolores was an excellent cook, tailor and gardener. It was an everyday event for neighbors to stop by just to eat her cooking and her baked goods which were known throughout the land. Dolores had a lawn and yard that looked like the cover of a magazine. She was meticulous about everything she did, from the beautiful Christmas decorations and delicious holiday baking that everyone so looked forward to. In the words of her endearing nephew

Wayne Hines "She is the original Martha Stewart".

Dolores worked at Westinghouse where she built circuit boards for the F-19 fighter planes and soon after advanced to a quality assurance technician. From there she continued to master everything she put her hands on until she retired in 1992.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church is where her love for Christ began. She was baptized in 1945 and became an active member, pursuing her relationship with Christ. She was a member of the choir and attended Baptist Training Union (BTU) faithfully.

Dolores later joined First Baptist Church of Elkridge, on March 24, 1991, during the tenure of Dr.

Bishop Monroe S. Simms. She loved and honored her God, respected her pastors and loved her church family. Dolores was on a personal mission to serve, love, and bring joy to everyone which lead her to join the Missionary Board; therefore no task was too great or small for her to perform.

Dolores enjoyed serving at "Our Daily Bread" with her missionary sisters feeding the hungry and on many Sundays she came through the door of the church with cake or cookies just to spread her love. Well known to be motivated by love she was the matriarch on Woodside Avenue. She didn't hesitate speaking her mind but everyone knew she loved you all the more.

As lovingly called "Ms. Nickens" by her young little friend Ayeden she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by: daughter, Denise White (Arthur); son, Elmer Nickens

(Stacey); four grandchildren, Jason White, Arthur (Nick) White, Wesley Nickens and Alexandria Nickens; two great-grandchildren, Darren and Jayda White; a loyal brother-in-law, Charles Carter; a special devoted niece, Wendy Hancock; goddaughter, Bridgette Madison; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Ridge

7250 Washington Blvd
Elkridge, MD 21075

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 2. 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

SEP 2. 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

1st Baptist Church of Elkridge
5795 Paradise Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Wake

SEP 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores Rio Nickens*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ms. Dolores was a compassionate, caring, loving and supportive women who I will truly miss. I will remember her great gardening tips and our talks. You could not have asked for a better neighbor. I know that now she is rejoicing in heaven, for her christian walk is over here on earth. No more pain and no more sorrow. I will see you when I get there.*

Barbara Howard - September 02, 2016 at 01:00 PM



“ *Alan Postell purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dolores Rio Nickens.*



Alan Postell - September 01, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *Pearly Gan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dolores Rio Nickens.*



Pearly Gan - August 30, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *This amazing woman will be terribly missed. She was a true friend and neighbor and loved by everyone. My heart goes out to family and she will always be "right across the street ".Love you Miss Dee!*

Pearly Gan - August 30, 2016 at 07:39 AM

KA

“ *I always knew where I was going and what I was up to with Dolores by my side. She didn't allow wrong turns! There's a huge empty place where our Dolores was, and nothing can fill it. My Wisc. sister, Judy, and friend Pat, adored her and she kept them laughing with her marvelous life stories. How blessed we all have been to have her in our lives. Forever remembered and missed. .*

kathy - August 29, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JS

Ah....Dolores, such a beautiful woman illuminated by a beautiful soul of compassion, laughter, tears and certainty! She knew and embraced her values, one always knew where she stood! Should you need a gentle reminder or a "course correction" you could count on Dolores to help you navigate the way guided by her absolute faith in her Lord. Whereas I have always looked forward to heaven, knowing Dolores is already there organizing, I am ecstatic! Thank you Dolores, for being you!

Judy (Wisconsin)

judy salverson - August 30, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dolores Rio Nickens.*



August 29, 2016 at 10:05 AM

DH

“ *Miss D. I'm going to miss our time under your carport talking about people. What was so funny is that we talked about each other even more.all in fun.for the almost 40 years knowing u and your family it has been a joy.also thanks for all the tip about flowers. I truly going to miss you.rest in peace Miss D.Love you.David*

David Howard. - August 25, 2016 at 05:27 PM



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Denise White - August 24, 2016 at 02:29 PM

MA

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with those she loved and those who loved her. - Mary Kramer*



Mary - August 24, 2016 at 01:15 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 24, 2016 at 11:41 AM