



Doris Louise Anderson Stokes

June 17, 1935 - December 31, 2022

To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. In this spirit, we recognize the earthly departure of our loved one from this life into the Glory of our Heavenly Father. At the age of 87, God's wings gently and peacefully welcomed home eternally Doris Louise Anderson Stokes on December 31, 2022. Doris was born on June 17, 1935, to the late Ernest Walter Anderson, Sr., and Bertha Speller Anderson in Richmond, Virginia. She grew up in a large loving and extended family.

Doris was educated in the Richmond Public Schools and was a graduate of Armstrong High School. Her jobs often required her to take continued education to maintain and excel within her profession as a teacher's aide, daycare worker, and child technician with the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. Doris accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Rev. Henry Randolph, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and served on many committees and capacities. Doris served in the Church School, the Randolph Memorial Choir and mentored and worked with the youth. She was one of the founding members of the Royal Ushers Board some years ago. Doris was very instrumental in the establishment and ministry of the Bethlehem Baptist Daycare, under the leadership of the late Dr. Rev. John Bishop Gordon, Sr. She was one of the first teachers and assistant directors.

Doris was very community oriented. She worked with voter registration and volunteered her services to the Richmond Nursing Home. She was active with her children's PTA and the Highland Springs Booster Club. She was also a member of the Eastern Stars.

Doris' life was one of ordinary deeds and simple forms of human helpfulness. She loved her family and friends dearly. To know her was to love her. If you knew Doris, she was hospitable, opening her home and heart to many as she was a nurturer, a listener, and a giver, not expecting anything in return. She gave good advice whether you wanted to hear it or not.

She was our family griot, our oral historian, the keeper of family stories and secrets. There wasn't a birthdate, phone number, or address she didn't know. She was also a great cook, famous for her hot rolls and delicious potato salad. Doris loved her hats and the colors of pink and purple. She was an avid Washington Redskins fan. One of her greatest joys was visiting the Redskins training camp with her son Randy. In her earlier years, she was musically inclined to entertain and play the piano by ear. She kept in close contact with her friends and especially her childhood friends. Most of all Doris loved the Lord, was God-fearing, and depended upon the power of prayer.

Doris married her love, Melvin Reuben (Mutt) Stokes (who predeceased her) and from this union, five children were born: Loving sons, Reuben Wayne Stokes (predeceased), Melvin Renard (Nettie), Randall Keith (Susan), and devoted daughter, JaPata Devaughn, Joletta Deshawn Stokes (predeceased) and grandson; Kevin Harris (predeceased).

Doris also leaves to cherish her memory grandchildren; Daniel, Julius, Morgan Willsey (James), Nicholas, Miles, Taylor (devoted), and Monica. Great grandchildren; Reagan, Daniel, Jr., Aria, Amelie, and Malachi, sister; Gwendolyn A. Pitts (Ethan, Sr.), brothers; Reginald N, Herbert M, and Lewis

H. Anderson. Cousin; Darnell Anderson (Wendy), sisters-in-law; Constance Anderson, Lois Anderson, Laurita Anderson, and a host of loving nieces (devoted; Faye Pryor), nephews, and other close relatives. Devoted family friends; Frances Chatman, Stanley Brown, Greg Taylor and Gordan Craig, Tammy Shipman, and neighbors.

Doris was predeceased by her siblings; Everette, Horace, Rev. E. Walter, James, Harold Anderson, Virginia Ryan Shaw, Amanda A. Pryor, Bertha Anderson, and Marian A. Lewis.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 10. 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1920 Fairmount Ave
Richmond, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ Your loss is a jewel in heaven. She will be miss no more crying or suffering. She had left love ones to get it right to meet her in the kingdom of heaven. God will take care of you. Yield not to your own understanding but to God, he will take care of you. love Minister Kathleen Moran. Love you Taylor

Minister Kathleen Moran - January 11, 2023 at 10:16 AM

RA

“ Rosa Lee A.Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Louise Anderson Stokes



Rosa Lee A.Williams - January 11, 2023 at 09:20 AM

DJ

“ Richmond Chapter of GMWA sends our condolences to the Stokes family. We lift you in prayer and pray the Lord will strengthen the family through this time of loss.

Deacon Carrie Jackson - January 10, 2023 at 09:19 AM

CD

“ To the Stokes and Anderson Families; we lift you up in prayer. May God strengthen you and comfort you. Ms. Doris was a lovely lady, a sweet soul, and we will miss her.

Deacon Carolyn Demery
Bethlehem Baptist Church

Carolyn M Demery - January 09, 2023 at 10:49 AM





“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Louise Anderson Stokes.*



January 09, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *R.I.P Ms.D I wanna thank god for allowing you into my life I will hold on to all the memories when I use to visit you and Pattie we sat outside or I. The house with our many talks I miss from visiting you since my health has decline but we still talked on phone once in awhile an I know you understood my situation I love you and until we meet again* 🌸💔🌸🥹



Tonya R Smith - January 07, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Tonya R Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Louise Anderson Stokes*



Tonya R Smith - January 07, 2023 at 02:47 PM



JM

“ *I remember this beautiful smiling lady from way back in my early days in Richmond. As a 19 year old away from home she opened her heart and home to a young kid that needed to belong. She made me one of her own and I will always cherish her for this. Rest in peace dear lady. John Marlowe*

John Marlowe - January 06, 2023 at 07:07 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 - January 05, 2023 at 01:37 PM