



Dorothea Gaines

April 16, 1943 - April 11, 2015

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, the Lord picked from his lovely garden our loved one, Deaconess Dorothea Puller Gaines. She was born on April 16, 1943 to the late Alfred L. and Sarah E. Puller in Richmond, Virginia. She was educated in the Richmond Public School system. She was lovingly called “Tee” by her family and friends.

She accepted Christ and became a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in 1967 during the pastorate of the late Reverend Jacob Taylor, Jr. She served her church faithfully and was a member of the Senior Choir where she served as secretary; member of the Hospitality Ministry serving as chairperson, and Deaconess Ministry, where she served as secretary; and a member of The Young Matrons. Her other affiliations were being a former member of the Beacon Light United Order of Tents and the NAACP.

On October 8, 1966 Dorothea married Aubrey Gaines, Jr. and enjoyed 46 years of wonderful marriage before his death.

Dorothea was employed by ARA Food Service as a Manager for many years and retired from there. She was also an entrepreneur as she and her sister were owners of Dot and Dee’s Restaurant and served what is now known as the Carytown Community for many years.

Tee's personality was what we could describe as a virtuous woman. She was a loyal and devoted wife, a devoted sister, aunt and a very family oriented person. She had a warm personality and a love for people. She possessed a quiet disposition and those who knew her could attest that Tee was one that never raised her voice. However, she had a way of standing firm and being strong in her convictions. When she made up her mind that she was going to do something she did it with perfection. She touched the lives of so many people and she will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey H. Gaines, Jr. She leaves to celebrate her homegoing her devoted sister, Delores M. James, devoted nephew, L. Na'eem Akbar (Mary) "Lloyd and Liz"; nieces, Virginia Lowe (Joe), Shelia Hopkins (Evans), and Larry Webster (Shelia); stepchildren, Mario D. Gaines, Andre Smith (Shelia); Shelly DiPitros, Stacy Crew and Elaine Ward; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We thank God for her life and the inspiration she was to everyone. "Today we will collect our fond memories and hold dearly the part of her that has been given to each of us, so that in the days to come, we will join her in rejoicing, knowing that someday we will meet again. On that day, our tears will be wiped away, and we will join her in the great celebration of love, joy, peace, and eternal life with our savior."

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

APR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
8175 Pleasant Grove Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea Gaines*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lord you looked so happy today. Your smile confirmed you are with our Lord Jesus Christ and Papa Gaines. You have a wonderful soul. Missing you Dot T. Rest now*



Shelia Smith - April 17, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ *TAKE YOUR REST!*



Learmon Moore - April 16, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ *LaTanya Shelley lit a candle in memory of Dorothea Gaines*



LaTanya Shelley - April 15, 2015 at 07:23 AM

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“ *Grandma, I'm at a loss for words. I find comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pain & reunited with Grandpa. I love you for the laughs we shared, the tears we cried, but most of all the seeds of life you implanted in me. I am blessed to have known such an angel. You are missed so much already.*

Your granddaughter & great-grand sons,

Patrice, Jamal, & Marvin



Patrice - April 14, 2015 at 02:05 PM

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“ *River of sorrow has again burst its banks,
Flooded by painful memories of yesteryears,
Though my tears had long dried,
But sparks of hope in the ashes never died.*

*When the storm within the heart raged,
Ever casting shadows of retribution,
But as quickly as the lightning and thunder came,
The cooling breeze of reason blew it away.*

.....We are going to miss you, but knowing you are with Daddy again makes us smile. Lord my God, this wound called heartache has opened again, Rest in peace and know that you have always been loved as a mother by us.

Andre and Shelia Smith

Andre and Shelia - April 14, 2015 at 01:50 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 - April 14, 2015 at 12:50 PM