



## Easter Gaines Duckenfield

April 9, 1939 - May 22, 2018

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, the Lord picked from his lovely garden our loved one, Easter Hortense (Gaines) Duckenfield. Easter was born on April 9, 1939 to Maurice Edward and Dorothy Gaines. She was the oldest of five girls. Being at least 5 years senior to her sisters, she would often help with taking care of her younger sisters.

She was baptized into the fellowship of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in 1951 under the pastorate of the late Reverend Warren A. Evans. She served as the church pianist and organist throughout the late 1950s into the mid 1960s. Throughout her life she was a faithful member of the Pleasant Grove rarely missing a Sunday Service.

Easter graduated from John M. Gandy High School in June 1956. The following fall she attended Virginia Union University with a degree in Education. She began her teaching career in 1960 at Bethany Elementary in Hanover County. Subsequently she moved to the Richmond Public School System after getting married to Hartwell Davis Duckenfield in July of 1966 and moving to the Church Hill area in the City of Richmond. Easter taught at Highland Park, Fairmont, and Whitcomb Elementary schools until her retirement in 1995. She officially retired with 33 years of service, taking a full year off to care for her sons, Dwayne (1970) and Kevin (1972). She enjoyed traveling the country with her husband and sons.

Easter enjoyed participating in church programs and playing gospel hymns on her keyboard at home. Also, she was a member of the Virginia Retired Teachers Association. Her greatest joy was spending time with her four grandchildren.

Easter was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Hartwell Duckenfield; sister, Marva Davis; parents, Dorothy and Maurice Gaines. She leaves to cherish her loving memory sons, Dwayne Duckenfield (Maimoona) and Kevin Duckenfield (Tamiko); grandchildren, Yasmine, Mason, Caden and Donovan Duckenfield; sisters, Anita Conner of Sacramento, CA, Sheila Mitchell (Floyd), Wanda Bell of Dallas, TX; nieces, Chereese Conner of Sacramento, CA and Aria Bell of Dallas, TX; nephews, Tad Duckenfield, Pace Duckenfield and David Duckenfield; a great niece, Jacquelyn Conner, a great nephew, Maurice Conner; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAY 25. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

MAY 25. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Easter Gaines Duckenfield*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Deacon and Mrs. Clark and DG 21 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Easter Gaines Duckenfield.*



**Deacon and Mrs. Clark and DG 21** - May 25, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Easter Gaines Duckenfield.*



May 24, 2018 at 08:12 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** - May 22, 2018 at 04:48 PM