



## Elaine Holmes Pleasants

July 25, 1930 - September 2, 2015

### Life Reflection

Beloved Elaine Rebecca Holmes Pleasants, 85, of Henrico, Virginia passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2015, after a life filled with family and love. She was born in Varina, Virginia on July 25, 1930 to the late Thomas and Alice Holmes. The baby in a family of fourteen, Elaine was her parents “surprise” and her family’s “delight”. They instantly nicknamed her “Sugar Pie”.

Elaine was educated in the County of Henrico, graduated from Virginia Randolph High School and furthered her education by attending night school at Armstrong. She joined St. James Baptist Church at an early age and enjoyed singing in the choir, attending Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

In 1949, Elaine married Elijah Dee Pleasants. They were blessed with the birth of their children Linda Diane and Larry Darnell Pleasants. An adoring, caring wife, mother, sister, friend and giving woman of faith, Elaine devoted herself to making a warm and loving home for her family and friends.

Once their children became of age and started school, Elaine became a bus driver for Henrico County Schools. She carefully drove students to and from school for twelve years. Elaine’s passion was helping others and she

demonstrated that in her professional career. Later, she became a driver for GRTC and gave them twenty-one years of dedicated service.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband Elijah, five brothers and five sisters, all who she loved very much. She is survived by her two caring children, Linda Stephenson and Larry Pleasants (Patricia); three grandchildren, Lafayette Stephenson, Patrice Jackson (Clinton) and Wendy Simmons (Nathaniel); eight great-grandchildren; three caring sisters, Aretha Fields, Veora Waller, Ethel Easter; Lillian Sedgwick, whom she loved like a sister; two sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends and Sammy her little Yorkie.

# Cemetery Details

## Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road  
Hanover, VA 23069

# Previous Events

## viewing

SEP **9**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Family Hour

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church  
2169 New Market Road  
Richmond, VA 23231

## Service

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SEP **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Holmes Pleasants*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss . May the fond memories shared and resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 28,29 be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain .*

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**Delores Allen** - September 06, 2015 at 06:44 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2015 at 05:19 PM