



Evelyn Cylene Friend

January 3, 1938 - May 1, 2014

Mrs. Evelyn Cylene Lawson Friend, daughter of the late Mr. Mitchell Henry and Mrs. Alice Jones Lawson was born January 3, 1938 in Snow Hill (King & Queen County), Virginia. She transitioned to Heaven on May 1, 2014 at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia.

Evelyn Lawson and her sisters, Maggie and Otelia, were reared by their father after the loss of their mother when the girls were very young. These difficult times birthed great faith in these siblings. Evelyn confessed Jesus Christ as her Lord, was baptized by the Reverend Dr. William Amos Young, Sr., and joined First Baptist Church of Hockley, Virginia. As a youth, she participated in the Church School, Jr. Choir, and the Baptist Youth Training Union. As she matured, she joined the Pastor's Aid Club, the Senior Usher Board, was Chairperson of the Kitchen Committee and served as secretary of the Missionary Circle. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Hockley until her marriage took her to Richmond, Virginia in 1988. In Richmond, she and her husband joined the First Union Baptist Church, Dill Road. Because of her willingness to serve, she joined the Sunday school, the Usher Board and the Daughters of Ruth Missionary Ministry. She was a former President of the Ladies Auxiliary #1 Usher Board as well as an ardent member and past President of the Seasoned Seniors. Her religious, civic and social affiliations consist of membership in the Triple River Singers, a founding member of the Hechler Village Neighborhood Watch, the Homemakers Club

#4, a former Girl Scout Troop Leader, and a former member of the Thunder Roads Motorcycle Club.

Evelyn Lawson was educated in the public schools of King and Queen County graduating from Central High School on June 5, 1956. She often volunteered and assisted the school system and was recognized in 1982 for outstanding service as a Central High School parent.

Evelyn Lawson was united in Holy matrimony to Mr. Herbert Neal Holmes of Cumnor, Virginia. She later met and on July 28, 1988 married Mr. Joseph Lee Friend of Richmond, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husbands, two sisters, Mrs. Otelia Holmes and Mrs. Maggie Braxton and a devoted grandson, Troy Washington.

Evelyn Lawson Friend shall be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, niece, aunt, cousin and friend. She touched the lives of many children and is lovingly known to some as "Moma Evelyn." Her chief joys were arts and crafts, taking on the phone, cooking and being a good listener. Her long talks with family and friends will be missed. She would call her children every night but made a special call during inclement weather to make sure that everyone was safely home. She thoroughly enjoyed her large family gatherings but lovingly joked with the family saying "You all have made me GLAD TWICE- Glad to see you come and Glad to see you go."

Evelyn Lawson Friend leaves to cherish, her fond memories, her devoted children, Portia Robinson(Leroy), Alice Washington(Luke), Brenda Thompson(Stuart) all of King & Queen County, Virginia, Lisa Holmes of Richmond, Virginia, and Craig Lawson(Joan) of King William, Virginia; 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mrs. Margaret McCullough; 3 brothers-in-law, Woodland Holmes, William Tobe Powell and Robert Holmes; 7 sisters-in-law, Mary Mann(Thomas), Francis Allen(Riley), Florence

Priestly(Nate),Dorothy Mae Roane, Catherine Hickman, Susie Holmes and Lucy Holmes, and a host of nephews,nieces,cousins,adopted children and other relatives and devoted friends.

Cemetery Details

First Baptist Church Cemetery

Shacklefords, VA 23156

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

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

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Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
2356 York River Road
Shacklefords, VA 23156

Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Cylene Friend*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I Pray GOD will continue to bless and keep you in perfect peace during your time of sorrow for HE promise never to leave you alone.*

JoAnn Morris-Thornton

JoAnn Thornton - May 06, 2014 at 02:58 PM



“ *You are not alone in your sadness, for your loved one meant so much to so many and will be deeply missed*

Braxton Family - May 05, 2014 at 09:59 PM



“ *May the wonderful memories sustain all of you at this time. Gods' Blessing to all of you!*

Beverly



Beverly - May 05, 2014 at 09:46 PM

BS

“ *Bwaddey Sr. lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Cylene Friend*



bwaddey sr. - May 05, 2014 at 07:27 PM

BS

*my condolences to the family sorry for your loss my prayer be with you.
from dr.fly/westend seniors center*

bwaddey sr. - May 05, 2014 at 07:29 PM

HS

“ *Its difficult to know that Harold and I will no longer receive a phone call to say hello, to ask how one is doing or to say I am just checking in. Mrs Friend was just that kind of special person to care and to exhibit in the many ways she chose. Either through one of her special and unique little gifts or another treat.*



My prayer is that God will allow his angels of mercy and healing to wrap each of you in their bosem of comfort. And that the many precious memories will also sustain each of you, as you go through these very difficult times.

Look to the hills for your help will surely come from the Lord.

Harold & Wilhelmina Shelton

Harold & Wilhelmina Shelton - May 05, 2014 at 05:45 PM

CA

“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1 Corinthians. 1:3,4.*

Carolyn - May 04, 2014 at 09:14 AM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to The Friend Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures our dear loved ones of a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. He even promises us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - May 03, 2014 at 05:00 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 - May 03, 2014 at 11:03 AM