



Frances Gray Hayes

July 30, 1942 - January 12, 2017

On January 12, 2017 the Lord picked from his lovely garden our loved one, Frances Champion Gray Hayes at Elizabeth Crump Manor Nursing Facility. She was born one of seven children on July 30, 1942 to the late Earnest Champion and Mattie Champion Brice. She was preceded in death by her 3 brothers.

Frances excepted Christ at a very young age and was baptized at the Cedar Street Church of God. She attended Richmond Public Schools and later received her GED. She was employed at Terraces Hill Nursing Home, Freeman Marks and several other places, including cleaning offices in the evenings.

She was known for being a very hard worker and she could clean anything. Most importantly she was known for being a fashionista. She could always find the sharpest shoes and pocketbooks to match, and she wore the coolest eye glasses. Marking her daughter Gwen, who is a shoe and pocketbook lover too. Nana as she was called by most, rolled her eyes at Gwen which ment she loved her, then they would laugh. Cherri mastered Nana's cooking, and she would cook for you anything you wanted and she plundered just like her too. Sheron picked up on Nana's style of dressing and Nana was the only one that could get away with calling Sheron "Wink". Baby Jay got the kissing your face down pat and would always call her Nana's Kitchen. Last but not

least, John just got all she had left because he got to do whatever he wanted to do in the name of love, and she gave him anything he asked for.

Frances married the late Leroy Gray Sr. and from this Union was born two daughters. She is survived by her two daughters, Gwendolyn Gray Mills (Harvey) and Cherrie Gray Day (Kenny) and later adopted one son, John Ellis Jr. Also surviving, one granddaughter, Sheron Gray Morris (Alex); two grandsons, Gary Johnson Jr. and Gerry Irving Jr.; two sisters, Marie Champion and Isabell Rogers; a host of nieces and nephews; one Goddaughter, Tequila Leadbetter all of Richmond, VA and one devoted friend, Ms. Gladys West. Also thanking Elizabeth Crump Manor Nursing Facility, the Bon Secours Hospice, the Podiatry Center and the First Union Baptist Church Family.

Cemetery Details

First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Gray Hayes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Nana I miss you terribly.*

Cherri - March 07, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ *Leslie Nicole Farrar lit a candle in memory of Frances Gray Hayes*



Leslie Nicole Farrar - January 23, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Denise Carthorne- Brown & Family



Denise Brown - January 20, 2017 at 03:28 PM

CK

“ Cheryl Key-Thorne lit a candle in memory of Frances Gray Hayes



Cheryl Key-Thorne - January 20, 2017 at 02:48 PM

WE

“ We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.
We send you thoughts of comfort and prayer.

The Pitchford and Webster Families

Webster - January 20, 2017 at 02:10 PM

SH

“ Nana, you taught me so much. But you did not teach me how to live without you. As I know you are in a much better place. No more pain or suffering. But when I lost you, my world became cloudy. I'm trying to be a big girl and be there for Baby J , Gwen and my mom. When I get to myself Nana I can't stop crying.....
I love you forever and ever until we meet again.

Sheron aka Wink-Wink

sheron - January 20, 2017 at 09:52 AM

CC

“ *Valentino Robinson Sr.*



Carol Carter - January 20, 2017 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ *Carol (Pinkie)Carter*



Carol Carter - January 20, 2017 at 08:15 AM

LE

“ *To The Family of Frances G. Hayes,*

*We offer deepest Condolences to all of you
and our Love and Prayers go out to you.*

*Frances was an asset in our lives and we
thank God for the many memories that we shared. The old African
Proverb "No One Is Dead Until There Is No One Left To Speak
Their Name" is so special at this time, speak her name, keep her
spirit alive and and*

*Thank God for the Joy and Beauty she gave to this World. We will
keep asking God to Bless You.*

Sincerely.

John "Jay" , Lucille Ellis Ford, La-Verne Ellis and Family



La-Verne Ellis - January 19, 2017 at 08:18 AM

GS

*“ I can never forget the love that you showed to me during my time as part of your family. You treated me with respect, concern and much love. I will always remember you, your laughter, and your smile. May you rest in peace, and dance around heaven with the love ones gone before you.
Forever in my heart, Gary*

Gary Johnson, Sr. - January 18, 2017 at 03:19 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 - January 18, 2017 at 11:36 AM