



## Deaconess Frances Donella Mason

October 7, 1936 - August 18, 2015

### Life Reflection

Frances Donella Mason was born October 7, 1936 to the late Richard and Olivia Simmons in Richmond, Virginia. She was called home to the gates of heaven as her daughter Sylvia sat by her side and beheld her mother's transition with the angels of glory, Tuesday, August 18, 2015. She was preceded in death by her son Rodman K. Mason; sisters Genevieve Bonaparte, Shirley Hobbs, Delores Simmons and Hilda Paige.

She received her formal education from the Richmond Public School System, graduating from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1954. Frances was active in a number of extracurricular activities, Cheerleading, the Pep Squad and the Future Homemakers of America.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was spiritual blessed with Bethel Baptist Church. She loved her church family and served on various ministries: President of the Deaconess Board, President of the Royal Ushers, a Sunday School Teacher, and was Director of Vacation Bible School. She also played an integral part of the Food Ministry which she enjoyed doing the most.

Frances D. Simmons was united in holy matrimony to Rodman E. Mason on

December 16, 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. Their union was blessed with four lovely children. She was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt; a loving and giving person of faith. Frances dedicated herself to making a warm and loving home for her family. The light of her family, she was a true reflection of God's love. At her leisure, she enjoyed reading books, especially the Bible and working on crossword puzzles. She was also known to be an excellent cook and everyone wanted her fried chicken!

At the age of 55, Frances furthered her education at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and received her Associates Degree in Accounting. After receiving her Associates in Accounting, Frances was Employed by the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) as an accountant. In 1999, their dedicated and loyal employee retired.

Frances leaves to cherish her memory loving son, Everett A. Mason; four devoted daughters, Sylvia D. Mason, Crystal O. Mason and Olivia D. Brown; three grandchildren, Brandon R. Hannon, Britny O. Hannon and Courtney A. Mason; three sisters, Dorothy Cherry (Robert), Beatrice Taylor and Vernice Johnson; a host of nieces and nephews; devoted nieces, Theresa A. Simmons and Toni Cherry (Robert); a dear family friend, Rodman Mason (Virginia); other relatives and many friends from the Randolph Place.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

### Service

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
1920 Fairmount Ave  
Richmond, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deaconess Frances Donella Mason*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Melvin and Victoria Taylor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deaconess Frances Donella Mason.*



**Mr. & Mrs. Melvin and Victoria Taylor** - August 21, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ *To cousin: Sylvia, Crystal and Anthony I have had so many fond memories of Aunt Frances and many summers that we spent together. When ever you come to see her expected or unexpected she always welcome with open arms, I am truly going to miss her and the loves she always shared.*



*Love Always, Melvin & Vickie*

**Melvin Taylor** - August 21, 2015 at 05:58 PM

RM

“ To Frances,

*I'll always remember the trips, Atlantic City, the Broadway plays, and the times shared by our group in Williamsburg vacations.*

*"For the Good Times"*

*Robert "Bob" Matthews*



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**Robert T. Matthews** - August 21, 2015 at 04:45 PM

AI

“ Brandon and Brit. We know your hearts are broken. Your grandmother was a one of a kind lady..always there for you both in the best and worst of times. You must treasure this in your hearts and minds. You must continue to exude all of the great lessons and qualities she instilled in you. You must represent her the way she represented you, with unconditional love. Mirian, we say a prayer of comfort for you too, for this lady meant the world to you and has stood by you through it all. Treasure those memories and you will honor this angel. May the Lord bless you and keep you always.

*Alvin J. Hannon II/Angela S. Hannon  
Darryl Christmon/Arnita Hannon Christmon  
Lorenzo Price Jr./W. Kay Hannon Price  
Tiffany N. Hannon  
Lauren K. Price  
Julienne E. Price  
Alvin J. Hannon III  
Ryan K. Taylor*

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**Alvin J. Hannon II** - August 21, 2015 at 01:23 PM

TF

“ To the family of Deaconess Frances Mason: We are so sorry for your loss. Ms. Mason was such a sweet, beautiful woman, and it was a pleasure and a blessing to know her. We are thinking about you all with our hearts and remembering you in our prayers. May God comfort your hearts, strengthen you, and give you hope during this time of sorrow. With sympathy and love, .... The Hannon Family (Mirian's siblings and their families: Darryl & Arnita Hannon Christmon, Lorenzo & W. Kay Hannon Price, Angela & Alvin J. Hannon, II, and families)

The Hannon, Price, & Christmon Families - August 21, 2015 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ The Hannon Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Deaconess Frances Donella Mason.



The Hannon Family - August 21, 2015 at 10:53 AM

AC

“ My prayers are with the family of Mrs. Mason as I reflect on the times that she was always so gracious and loving and welcoming whenever my family and I visited her home. She was a beautiful grandmother to my niece and nephew - Brandon and Britney. She always exuded charm and warmth, and she supported them in all ways that count, including in school activities. Mrs. Mason showed her love for her family in such wonderful ways. . We could tell that she was a deeply spiritual woman, and that her service to the Lord was a priority in her life. Now God has called her home for her well deserved reward. May wonderful memories of this great woman of God be a comfort for all who knew and loved her so. Love and Prayers, Nita (M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Arnita Hannon Christmon - August 21, 2015 at 09:45 AM

DT

“ Good morning Anthony, Darlene and Crystal,

*This is Debbie P. Torrence in New York.*

*Vickie shared with me that you lost your mother.*

*I want you to know I am so sorry for your lost and will be praying for all of you as you go through the final arrangements.*

*We had great summers next door to your house in Richmond back in the day.*

*Know that you loved her but God loved her more. May you find comfort knowing that I will be praying for you.*

*The word of God is true, for you will see her again because I know she died knowing The Lord.*

*Terry and Wanda Rogers also send their condolences.*

*Take one day at time.*

*God Bless all of you.*

*Debbie*

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**Debbie P. Torrence** - August 21, 2015 at 09:40 AM

VT

“ Anthony, Darlene & Crystal, I will always cherish my summers with you and your family on Fendall ave. May looking back on memories of yesterday helps to comfort you. May God bless you and your family.

Love,  
Vickie Taylor

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**Vickie Taylor** - August 21, 2015 at 07:26 AM

KM

“ Darlene, we will miss your mother. She always had kind words and a open heart for everyone. Our traveling group has come to only 3 left, Nancy, Robert and myself. Thank God for letting Frances come into our lives. May God Bless you and your family.

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**Kitty Miller** - August 21, 2015 at 04:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deaconess Frances Donella Mason.



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August 20, 2015 at 05:44 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 20, 2015 at 11:10 AM