



Gertrude T Hodges

August 3, 1936 - March 28, 2025

GERTRUDE THERESA HODGES (NEE JONES) was born on August 3, 1936 in Hamptonburgh, New York to James and Elizabeth Jones. “Trudy,” as she was affectionately known, was the youngest of four children. She grew up on a working farm in Campbell Hall, where she learned the value of hard work and self-reliance, as well as how to drive a tractor thanks to her brother.

Trudy and her siblings were educated in a one room schoolhouse and were active members of the Hamptonburgh Presbyterian Church. She knew from an early age that she was destined to become a nurse, being the namesake of two aunts who were nurses. Even though her high school counselor questioned her choice, Trudy wrote to Johns Hopkins to ask whether or not they accepted Colored students.

In 1959, she became the first graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School for Nurses with the strong support of her family, especially her eldest brother who sent her money regularly. Her strength, perseverance, and ability to hold herself to a high standard carried her through the experience of being singular at Hopkins.

After graduation, Trudy began her teaching career at Hopkins. Providing high quality nursing education became a foundational purpose and her life’s work. She went on to graduate from Columbia Teachers College and earned her

Master's in nursing from New York University before returning to Baltimore to teach at St. Agnes.

In 1966, she joined the faculty of the Community College of Baltimore, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1970, and swiftly went on to become Chair of the Nursing Department just two years later. She played an instrumental role in the growth of CCB's nursing program and the construction of the nursing training facility, an iconic building still in use today. She also served as Chair of the Maryland State Board of Nursing Examiners for many years.

As a practicing nurse, Trudy worked in hospitals all over the city including Provident, Bon Secours, Mercy, St. Agnes and Hopkins. It was while working at Bon Secours that she met the love of her life, James E. Hodges, Jr., thanks to an introduction by their mutual friend, Tyson Tilden. Trudy and James enjoyed thirty-three years of married life until he joined the ancestors in 1998.

Obituary Obituary

She was a long-time member of Chi Eta Phi, the nursing honors sorority, and in 2009 received the Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumna award. After she retired in 1997, she volunteered dedicatedly with the Parent And Community Advisory Board with the Baltimore City Public Schools and the Dunbar High School nursing program.

Trudy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, daughter and grandmother, always finding time for family and friends. A patron of the arts, avid reader, world traveler, and bon vivant, Trudy's laugh was infectious and frequent. She loved sharing these interests with her grandchildren and nurtured their cultural development.

Trudy always held steadfast to her faith, and served the Trinity Presbyterian

Church family as an Elder, Trustee, Presbyterian Women Committee member, Investment/Endowment Fund member, taught Sunday School, member of the fortieth, forty-fifth and fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations Committees. Trudy consistently served Trinity and the Presbytery, demonstrating leadership, investing personal time and effort, evidencing an ability to engage others and the congregation, making a difference in Trinity's realization of its vision and mission.

She peacefully departed this life on March 28, 2025. Trudy leaves to mourn: her son, Victor Hodges; daughter, Lisa R. (Sean) Hodges-Hiken; stepson, James; grandchildren, Phillip, Katie, Vivian and Veronica; nieces, Sharyn Jones-Wagner, Susan Jones and Lois White; nephews, James and Leslie Mann; cousins, Sharlyn Njie and Yvonne Shaw-Bentiglio; and a host of friends, colleagues, former students, neighbors and church family.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

APR 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3200 Walbrook Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Presbyterian Church
3200 Walbrook Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Love, Lindsay Chris and the kids purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gertrude T Hodges.



Love, Lindsay Chris and the kids - April 10, 2025 at 11:04 AM

LK

“ Love, Lindsay Chris and the kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertrude T Hodges.

Love, Lindsay Chris and the kids - April 10, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DB

“ Trudy always told our children that nobody could take away their education or experiences. She supplemented their higher education and enriched their lives with varied summer activities: plays in New York, etiquette classes, trips to the museum, fascinating restaurants. The list goes on. Their grandma Trudy helped shape my daughters into the successful women they are today. And I thank her for that. In the spirit of higher education. What can never be taken away I'm happy to contribute to her scholarship fund. Prayers to her extended family.

Danni Blazek - April 10, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LH

“ <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2025/04/09/gertrude-theresa-hodges-hopkins-nursing-obituary/?share=2rtrttsuagsoeh2rngnr>

Lisa Hodges-Hiken - April 09, 2025 at 03:01 PM

LH

“ The family asks that in lieu of flowers you consider a donation to the Gertrude T. Hodges Scholarship fund to benefit Baltimore City Public School graduates attending Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, link <https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/59841/donations/new>

Lisa Hodges-Hiken - April 09, 2025 at 11:57 AM

TD

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Gertrude "Trudy" Hodges. I met Ms. Hodges as a nursing student at CCB in the 1970s. She was a "tough cookie" but always pleasant and fair! She pulled on your weak areas and encouraged you to be strong. In later years, I found a friend in my Sorority from Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. I thank God for her trailblazing accomplishments in the field of nursing. Rest well, my friend and Soror.
Respectfully,
Tanya M. Deshields

Tanya Deshields - April 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

LH

Thank you so much

Lisa Hodges-Hiken - April 09, 2025 at 11:50 AM

LH

“ 2 files added to the album Gertrude Theresa Hodges



Lisa Hodges - April 08, 2025 at 11:23 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 - March 31, 2025 at 04:14 PM