



Helen Marie Richardson

March 1, 1921 - June 18, 2011

HELEN MARIE JONES, beloved daughter and only child of Emma (nee Taylor) and Claude Jones was born on March 1, 1921 in Suffolk, Virginia. Helen's mother passed when she was two years old. Helen was then raised by her loving grandmother until her death when Helen was six. Her remaining early years were spent with a maternal aunt. Helen's prayer to God was always that she would live long enough to raise her own children. God blessed her with ninety years of life. She enjoyed not only the fulfillment of children, but grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She departed this life on June 18, 2011.

Helen received her education in the public schools of Suffolk, Virginia. She began her Christian experience as a child while living in Virginia. When she was of age, a paternal aunt traveled to Virginia and brought Helen back to live with her in Baltimore, Maryland. Helen remained a resident of Baltimore. During the early years, Helen and her family attended Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. She later became a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Church.

In 1941, Helen was joined in wedlock to Garnell Forster Richardson. From this union, seven children were born. Helen and Garnell spent many years loving and caring for one another and their children. Garnell passed in 1987 after a lengthy illness.

Helen devoted her life to the love, nurturing, caring and discipline of her children. She spent most of their early years at home. Whenever there was any task where her family needed guidance and assistance, “Ma” was always there. While she was an excellent cook and housekeeper, she was blessed with a natural ability to sew. She was an excellent seamstress making dresses with the most intricate of details for her three older daughters. She embroidered, crocheted and even made custom slipcovers. Her sewing skills were passed on to another daughter and her artistic creativity, she passed on to her oldest son. She could make something out of nothing and spent her later years foraging through thrift shops for material to make something out of nothing. That she did!!

Thanksgiving dinner was always an event at Helen’s house. She cooked a complete traditional Thanksgiving dinner with added dishes like fried oysters and seafood salad until she was at least eighty-five years old. She loved having her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren surrounding her “Ma”. Her humble refrain has been, “Just think, all of you came from me and Garnell”.

Helen departed this life surrounded by the love of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are blessed that we were able to care for her at home assisted by Seasons Hospice Services. Helen leaves her joyful, gently and loving spirit to: three sons, Garnell (Patrica), Sheldon (Sandra) and Brandon Richardson; three daughters, Brenda Oglesby, Janice Gordon (James) and Roslyn Thames (Malachi). Her youngest daughter, Leatrice Cephas, preceded her in death. She also leaves to cherish her spirit: fourteen grandchildren, Frank T. Johnson III, Lorin Richardson (David), Jason Oglesby (Wanda), Kimonti Oglesby (Terri), Sean Thames, Trent Thames (Geneau), Jaleel Oglesby, Mark Richardson (Talia), Hakeem Oglesby, Brooke Richardson, Anana Oglesby (Brandon), Mellissa Lewis, Charles Wesley Cephas III and Shelton Richardson, Jr. (three weeks old). Her grandson,

Derek J. Richardson also preceded her in death; fifteen great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 23. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Family Hour

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUN 24. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Marie Richardson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. May all find comfort in the wonderful hope stated at Revelation 21:4: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

A. Robinson - June 30, 2011 at 07:16 PM



“ *Janice:*

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I've planned to stop by but there was a mix up in the dates I was given. by Geraldine McCullers. We both planned to be with you at this most difficult time. Please take care and realize that your mother is at peace. Realizing how you loved your mother, I know you were there for her. Keep her love in your heart.

Rosemary Jones Terry 410-336-7529

Rosemary Jones Terry - June 24, 2011 at 01:59 PM

MJ

“ *(Romans 15:4) For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope.*

I am one of the international Bible Students in the area. I would like to send condolences to the family. There is a God of comfort and you can read your Bible so that he can help you during this time in your life. I hope these scriptures help comfort you.

(John 5:28-29) Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.

Mary Johnson - June 20, 2011 at 07:23 PM

RJ

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of Helen. May the loving-kindness of our heavenly father comfort you in your sorrow. When we are grieved he is always there for us to help us to get through the tough times. At Isaiah 66:13 he promises, Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people. One day all pain and sorrow will be a thing of the past, and even the memory of these painful times will be forgotten. Isaiah 65:17 promises: For here I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be called to mind, neither will they come up into the heart. May cherished memories bring a smile to your hearts until your loved one comes back to life again. John 5:28,29*

Rita Johnson - June 20, 2011 at 01:57 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 - June 20, 2011 at 12:07 PM