



Janice Lee Mays

July 16, 1946 - June 10, 2017

Janice L. Mays, age 70 of Ashland, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2017. She was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on July 16, 1946 to the late Lois Hunter and Linwood Lovett, Sr. In 1954, her mother and stepfather (Eddie Hunter) moved to Fairfield, California where she attended public school and later graduated from Armijo High School in 1964. She subsequently attended Oklahoma State Technical College (OSTC) earning an Associate degree in Business Administration.

After completing her post-secondary work at OSTC, she moved to Selfridge Airforce Base (Michigan) in 1967 to join her parents where she met her future husband---and love of her life---Augustus Mays, Jr. They married on August 22, 1970 and were married for 47 years. She and Augustus, Jr., were blessed to have two children, Michelle and Augustus III.

Family and friends were Janice's love and joy. She accepted the Lord at an early age and was a faithful member of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and other AME Zion churches as she traveled the world with her military husband to twenty different locations in the United States and abroad.

Janice was also known to be a devoted mother, military wife and community activist. She was selected as one of America's Outstanding Young Women in 1978; President of the Pease Airforce Base Officer Wives Club; and Vice President of the Officer Wives Club of Offut Airforce Base, Scott Airforce Base and Travis Airforce Base.

Janice was preceded in death by her father, Linwood Lovett, Sr.; step-mother, Margaret Lovett; step-father, Eddie Hunter; mother, Lois Hunter and her sister, Lanae Crawley. She leaves to celebrate her life a devoted husband, Augustus Mays, Jr.; her two children, Michelle Ormond (Tyrone) and Augustus Mays, III (Aline); sister, Tina Spencer (Gary); brother, Linwood, Jr. (Gwen); four grandchildren, Shaniece, Savion, Audriana, and Alexandra; a host of other friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 16. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oak Street AME Zion
25 W. Wythe Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Lee Mays*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We pray for your healing in your time of sorrow, and that God will give you comfort and peace.*

Gerald and Judy Mack - June 17, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Mays.*



June 14, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve. Janice's mother and I were childhood friends. God bless you and keep you close in your time of sadness and loss. Ernestine Terry.*

Ernestine Terry - June 14, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the death of your love one please read Rev21:4 this will help you find comfort.*

Danon - June 14, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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“ My family and I would like to extend our deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the true God mend your family crushed and broken hearts, and may your family be comforted by God's promise of the resurrection. (John 6:40) Which assures us that we will see our loved ones again.

Young - June 13, 2017 at 08:20 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 - June 12, 2017 at 06:40 PM