



## Jean C. Phaire

July 26, 1948 - November 22, 2017

### The Life of Jean Celina Phaire

Jean Celina Phaire, 69, Randallstown, Maryland passed away on November 22, 2017.

Jean was born on July 26, 1948 to the late Alfred Davis, Sr., and Helen Davis in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. She was the eldest of seven children and enjoyed helping her parents care for her siblings. It was during these formative years that she discovered her passion for family and service to others.

Jean was eager to learn and graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School at the age of 15. She subsequently attended the College of the Virgin Islands where she earned an A.A. in Nursing, and met the love of her life, Rodell Phaire. She was a member of the first Nursing Class. Jean then moved to the U.S. mainland to continue her Nursing education where she earned a B.S. and M.S. in Nursing at the University of Maryland and CBN (Certified Business of Nursing) at Johns Hopkins University.

Jean began her career as a Staff Nurse at Knud Hansen Memorial Hospital, New York Hospital, and The University of Maryland Medical Center. Her career progressed to the highest levels of Nursing Administration. She worked

as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the Community College of Baltimore and Coppin State College, and as a Management Consultant to Community Health Care and Geriatric Centers. Jean then returned to the hospital setting as Assistant Vice President of Nursing at Lutheran Hospital and Liberty Medical Center; Vice President of Patient Care Services at Bon Secours Baltimore Health System; and Executive Vice President/Chief Nurse Officer at United Medical Center in Washington D.C. Her reputation for being competent, intuitive, and honest was reinforced on countless occasions through her interactions with colleagues and staff. She retired in 2013 and devoted her time to family, especially her grandchildren, affectionately known as her “little people”.

Jean’s affiliations and activities included the American Organization of Nurse Executives; National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau; Corporator, St. Ambrose Catholic Church; Baltimore City Community College Advisory Board; Mary Mahoney Nursing Honor Society; College of the Virgin Islands Alumni Association; Maryland Organization of Nurse Executives; National Kidney Foundation of Maryland, Board of Directors; and John Paul Regional Catholic School, Board of Directors. She was also a Nursing Leadership Lecturer at the University of the Virgin Islands and a Guest Faculty Lecturer at The Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing.

In addition to her career and activities, Jean was a mentor to family, friends, and acquaintances and would go out of her way to help those in need. She was never without a kind word, support, or encouragement.

To know Jean was to know her love of family. She was the beloved wife of Rodell Phaire, Sr.; devoted mother of Rodell Jr. and his wife Cytena, and Altina Bernikow and her husband Jason; cherished grandmother of Caleb and Elias Phaire and Jaylen and Jasmine Bernikow; dear sister of Alfred Jr. and his wife Silla, John, Neville, and Marvin Davis Sr., Colleen Fahie, and the late

Louella Hunter; loving aunt to several nieces and nephews. A host of other relatives and friends will also cherish her memory.

Jean enjoyed spending time with family and friends, particularly her grandchildren. She enjoyed gatherings and cookouts where she tirelessly hosted and showcased her culinary skills. Jean loved to laugh, sing, and dance. She enjoyed attending line dancing classes at the Baltimore County Senior Center. She was always impeccably dressed and carried herself with grace and elegance.

She accepted Christ as her savior early in life and was a devoted member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, which has been her church home for over 40 years.

Jean has left a lasting imprint on the lives of all who have had the pleasure of knowing her. Her spirit was untouchable, and her faith unquestioned. Jean was truly a most loving and selfless woman, wife, and mother and her memory will continue in all who knew her for eternity.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Wake

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church  
4502 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church  
4502 Park Heights Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 26, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Jean C. Phaire*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mommy,  
I hear you in the fall breeze. I hear you when I am still. I miss you  
beyond ways that I can possibly explain. You are my angel and my  
compass. Rest in Heaven mommy.  
Buddy*

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**Rodell** - November 11, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *Well mama... it's me again. Where to begin.... adjusting to life  
without you is a daily struggle. Time doesn't heal this pain it's still as  
fresh like it happened yesterday. The only thing time does is distract  
you cause life goes on despite you're pain and suffering. I will never  
understand your passing and I have to believe it was for a bigger  
purpose that I can't even imagine. I thank you everyday for the  
unconditional love you've given and showed me my entire life. I am  
so blessed to have you as a mother. I miss your voice, your  
laughter, your distinct perfume smell, and your beautiful face. My  
kids miss you especially Jaylen. You you will always be my mom,  
sister, best friend, and now my angel. I love to infinity and beyond!*

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**Tina** - January 28, 2020 at 10:11 PM

TP

“ *Mama..... I don't even know where to start. I can't even believe that it's coming up on a year since you passed away. Words can not describe these past 2 years but especially this past year. I still reach for my phone to call you to share a story with you and I catch myself midway through picking up the phone and reality hits and it's devastating every single time. I miss you every single day and pray for your peace and joy with God. I still hear your voice talking to me when I least expect it and it's bitter sweet. I hope I can be the strong, loving, patient, and supportive mom, wife, and daughter that you raised me to be. Your presence will live on in me and your little people. We talk about you all the time. They miss you but they're beautiful hearts and souls make life just a bit easier because of their innocence. You are my guiding light and angel up above. I love and miss you to infinity and beyond!*

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**Tina Phaire** - November 05, 2018 at 05:43 PM

TI

“Mama..... I can't even comprehend how you're not here. I NEVER imagined a world where you left so quickly and tragically. Besides my husband you were the other half of me and now that you're not here I'm a literally lost.

*Life goes on around you despite your pain and grief. I am trying my best to be the strong woman you raised me to be and help to support the family. I miss you everyday ALL day.*

*Dad has been my rock even when I didn't know I needed it. I look at our immediate family and I now understand why you instilled upon us the strength and importance of family. I need them now more than ever.*

*Your sickness took me for a loop and I I was scared more than I let on but your dedicated faith and desire to fight overshadowed and I was fighting along side you.*

*I miss your smile, unfiltered advice, warm and cozy hugs, your funny stories, and UNCONDITIONAL love for your grandkids. I miss you saying "let me tell you a joke", and your facial expressions that mirrored mine.*

*I will instill in my children the values that you have left with me as they are priceless. You continue and will always be my angel here on earth. I love you know and for forever. ❤️*

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**Tina** - February 18, 2018 at 09:27 PM

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“ Mommy,

*It's been almost 9 weeks since God called you home. We miss you terribly. Now that everyone has returned to their lives we are trying to deal with the day to day grief, and trying to reinvent how our family functions. Daddy is carrying on and being a rock for me and Tina. I can't imagine what he is going through. He truly loves you, adores, and misses you. We are trying to take care and support one another as you would have wanted.*

*After reflecting I understand that your body was ailing more than you wanted us to know. I will never forget that even when we heard unsettling news that you always found a way to comfort us. I feel like it hurt you more to see us upset than for you to deal with this horrible sickness.*

*I just don't understand, and there will never be a worthy explanation for why this happened.*

*Throughout the last weeks I have thought about the numerous things that you did for both us and others without hesitation. Even though I have never met anyone who was as selfless, what I miss the most was just spending time in your presence, regardless of what was going on. I miss the comfort of your voice, the warmth of your hugs, your smile, your idiosyncrasies, your sayings, your facial expressions, your positivity, your insight, your sense of fairness, and even the way you walked in slippers in the house on Saturday mornings. Words cannot possibly do you justice!*

*There are so many things that come rushing back to me at any given time. I truly believe that God placed you on Earth to show others how to live. As Tina said you are our angel.*

*Love you mommy!*

*Rodell*

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**Rodell** - January 23, 2018 at 04:58 AM

LF

“*Ms. Phaire, I have been procrastinating something terrible in writing this note to you. Somehow it doesn't seem real that I have to say goodbye even after seeing you at the church. I'm sorry I wasn't in touch enough to know how you were. It hurts me. Our amazing times together are playing over and over in my head. I owe you so much. I'm eternally grateful for your undying love and loyalty. We can be proud of what we built together to provide health care for those who needed us most. I owe you a debt of gratitude and attribute the success of the Care Center and it's programs to your tireless advocacy, persistence, tenacity and unwavering support. I still have no idea how you did what you did at UMC. Where did that stamina come from? And that drive...that LONG drive day in and day out. Weaker souls like me would have withered and given up. But you did it everyday and showed up with grace and poise. We love you for speaking up for what you knew was right even when you were the only one..a true testament to your character. I'll never forget you. I only hope you know how much I and so many other people loved you. The world is most certainly better off because you were here. Rest well Ms. Phaire. Goodbye until....*

*Dr. Lisa*

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**Lisa Fitzpatrick** - December 14, 2017 at 07:22 AM

PJ

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May your memories of shared good time bring you peace in the days ahead. Jean will be missed by her St. Ambrose family.*

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**Phillip and Valerie James** - December 10, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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December 09, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Jean, my niece, was a very loving person. It was always a joy for me to see her when she visited her family in Tortola, BVI. To her family, my heartfelt condolences.*



*Clinton Romney & Family*

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**Clinton Romney** - December 09, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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December 09, 2017 at 07:25 AM

LM

“ Jean, my angel, rest in peace with all the angels and your family who have gone before you are welcoming you.



Cousin Jean, the Molyneaux family will always remember you for the way you opened your home to the whole gang of us at Thanksgiving, special holidays, and Christmas time. You were the best hostess ever.

To your loved ones I say, Jean would like you to live your best life.

My heartfelt condolences to the family from Linda Molyneaux and family.

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**Imolyneaux** - December 08, 2017 at 07:22 PM

JB

Mrs. Phaire , the book of Proverb Chapter 31 vs 10 - 31...for you were a virtuous wife, mother, friend, leader , caretaker, giver, family member, grandmother and so much more to the lives of so many. You were the best boss that I have ever had...you were comfortable and forever confident in your skin !

I will forever miss you dearly. You have walked many miles with me along my journey and have imparted so much wisdom into my life...and as your spirit lives on I am forever grateful, thankful and honored that God allowed our paths to have cross in this life time. I miss you so much !

My heartfelt condolences to your family and loved ones.  
From: Janet, Alex and Matthew

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**Janet Blackwood** - December 09, 2017 at 04:39 PM

GL

“ *Gloria Biske- Loberg purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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**Gloria Biske- Loberg** - December 08, 2017 at 05:38 PM

LK

“ *Jean was such a precious and kindhearted person who will live in our memories forever. May she rest in peace. Love, Lowell and Kathleen*



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**Lowell and Kathleen** - December 08, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ *OF 1968. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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**OF 1968.** - December 08, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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December 08, 2017 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ *The Davis Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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**The Davis Family** - December 06, 2017 at 06:09 PM

MR

“ *I was so very sorry to hear about the passing of Jean Phaire. She was my former VP of Nursing at Bon Secours. She was also my mentor and friend, and will be greatly missed!*

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**Michelle Allender, MS, BSN, RN** - December 06, 2017 at 02:54 PM

SG

“ *Sue Guthrie lit a candle in memory of Jean C. Phaire*



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**Sue Guthrie** - December 06, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean C. Phaire.*



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December 06, 2017 at 04:49 AM

SW

“ Shirley A Washington lit a candle in memory of Jean C. Phaire



Shirley A washington - December 05, 2017 at 08:01 PM

SR

“ Ms. Jean was definitely a virtuous woman. She was a cheerful giver with a heart of gold and a sweet spirit. I recall memories of her selflessly opening to her home to me, my family, and friends at any given holiday. She would greet me with a BIG hug and kiss when I entered her home with my friends and family who could not and would not miss out on her tasty spread at holiday time (lol) and say, with a big smile, "The more, the merrier". I extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Phaire family circle. The last time I texted Ms Jean, she replied, " I am hanging on this long journey". You did well Ms. Jean. The Lord will say, "Well Done". You have left behind quite a legacy. Heaven truly gained an angel. I will be praying for your comfort and peace. Rest in Peace, Ms. Jean.

Shakima Richardson - December 01, 2017 at 02:23 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 - December 01, 2017 at 12:26 PM