



## Jean W. Redwood

July 29, 1941 - August 23, 2021

Jean Singleton Smithers, was born on July 29, 1941 to Elizabeth Smithers-Williams of Caroline County, Virginia. The only girl of 5 children.

As a small child, her family were members of the Mt. Calvary Church. Jean enjoyed playing with her siblings and lived a pretty reserved life style. As a youth she moved to Richmond, Virginia with her mother and favorite Aunt Alma who was like her second mom. Oh how they loved each other.

Jean met many people in her youth, her favorite being her sister from another mother, Ms. Linda Dean a.k.a “Bunny.” They were the best of friends and did almost everything together. If you saw one, then you knew the other was not far! As a young adult Jean graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Special Education. She started her career working with special needs students at Mary Mumford School in Richmond.

She decided to start a family and had a son, Willie Williams. Jean later remarried her former husband, the late James Lee Winston. That reunion blessed them with 3 daughters, Jewel Williams, Carmella Winston and Mathalia Winston.

Later in life, the stars aligned once again when she met Joseph and they fell in love. While on a vacation in Atlantic City, Joseph asked for her hand in

marriage. Her response was, "Where we going to eat LOL"? Eventually, two years later she said "Yes." Then on the bitter sweet day of her late daughter Mathalia's 30th birthday, July 26, 1993, they officially married, becoming Mr. and Mrs. They went on to successfully raise two granddaughters Takeisha Williams and Shamalda Winston.

She retired from teaching in the early 2000s. Jean was a very strong-minded and strong-willed woman. She battled breast cancer for many years and never let it get the best of her. She continued to live her best life enjoying clubs, Bingo, most of all shopping. Jean was a very jazzy lady! Her health began to decline and on the beautiful summer morning of August 23, 2021, she peacefully went to sleep in her forever home.

Jean Redwood is preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Smithers; aunt Alma Smithers; brothers, Jerry Williams and Otis Williams; children Mathalia Winston, Willie Williams and Carmella Winston; granddaughters Takeisha Williams and Tasha Williams.

Jean leaves a legacy of love to be cherished by her daughter, Jewel Henry (Robert); grandchildren, Shamalda and Eugene Witherspoon, ShaMeka Winston, Willie Winston, Sasha Williams, Devin Williams, Devon Williams and Vashawn Williams; great-grandchildren, Mahlik and Makayla, Aaliyah, Devin Jr. and Mahki, Devon Jr., Sincere and Lyric, Olivia, Madison and McKenzie and Baby Tayveon (the families newest addition); brothers, Harry Linwood Smithers and Terry Smithers; honorary sister, Linda Dean; daughter-in-law, Lillian Winston; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 1. 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebrate of Life service with live streaming on the website

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jean W. Redwood, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - August 28, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ Jean W. Redwood

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Mrs Jean you will truly be missed. Such a wonderful person inside and out. My prayers and condolences go out to the family. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. Tell Keisha I love and miss her dearly. Sleep peacefully Mrs Jean Redwood 🕊️🕊️🕊️



Tabitha Mayfield - September 02, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ Ms Jean Was The Most Beautiful Person I Had Ever Met. I Sit Back And Think About The Good Times I Had With Her. SHE Will Truly Be Miss.

RIP Gods Heavenly Child 🙏😭❤️🌹

Velda Venable - September 02, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *My mom, Debbie, and I are praying for your family! We not only sat with Jean, my mom every night, at bingo but felt as if she were family. We love her so much and miss her dearly! She was a one of a kind, a firecracker, a matriarch, a kind soul, and the list could go on. We pray that all will find peace and healing during the loss of such a precious ious soul!*

*Sincerely,  
Shana and Debbie  
#bingobuddies :)*

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**Shana Fone** - September 01, 2021 at 06:30 AM



*Oops...precious soul*

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**Shana Fone** - September 01, 2021 at 06:31 AM

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“ *Tijuanna Jarnagin & Barrie Smithers purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jean W. Redwood.*



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**Tijuanna Jarnagin & Barrie Smithers** - August 30, 2021 at 11:22 PM

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“ I know I posted earlier and made some errors, spell a few words wrong , grandkids was suppose to be helping me post a picture because I couldn't see that well( they posted the wrong picture! But what I did say was Jean and I went through 40 plus years of sharing our thoughts , laughing, crying , making memories , talking about our kids , grandkids, greatgrands . We shared food when we worked together she would bring something and I would bring something , she helped me with my yards sales and anything I was selling for a fundraiser. WE celebrated our birthdays( although we celebrated hers for 35 years on the wrong day( lol) I I will truly miss my girl So Jean Redwood until we meet again in "Paridise! !!

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**Pamela Harris -Bailey** - August 29, 2021 at 08:43 PM

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“ When I heard that my friend Jean of 40 years had passed I was shocked ! I hadn't talked to her in a while I have been sick myself ! This lady worked together , raised families the same time, shop together got mad at each other and got back together , she was like my sister , I could make her laugh at any given time ! I went through the death of her the first daughter's death with her ( Squirrel ) I remember when she died and I told my son and he cried because he I said he wouldn't see Squirrel again ( She use to pinch him because he was so mischievous) but he lived to get on her nerves! I was there for her with Diane , and her when her son passed those were sad times for her , I was there when she married Joe . When she went through fight with cancer! We have been through so much over these 40 plus years, She loved all her grandkids and great grands , At Christmas she made sure she had something under that tree for each one of them , I use to say to her that too many grands for me I don't know how you do it ? But she did! ! I just will like to say to Jie and the family that I lived her and I will miss her!



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**Pamela Harris -Bailey** - August 28, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ The Railroad Employees Club members 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.



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**Ivory Curtis Scott Sr** - August 28, 2021 at 03:05 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 27, 2021 at 10:45 AM