



Jeris Ophelia Thompson

April 15, 1935 - April 13, 2021

Legacy of Life

Jeris Ophelia Thompson affectionately known as “Pauline” was the only child born to the late Alice Lafonde Stevens and John Leedom Jones in Plainfield, New Jersey on April 15, 1935.

Jeris moved to Richmond, Virginia and was educated in the Richmond Public School System, attending Maggie L. Walker High School and furthering her education she attended The Jones School of Beauty for Cosmetology.

She married Richard W. Thompson Sr., October 11, 1955 in Richmond, Virginia. She joined Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Kilpatrick. She was a member of The Celestial Chorus and also sang with The United Gospel Singers. She loved performing at various churches in the Richmond area. God blessed her with a powerful, glorious, melodic gift. Her favorite singer was one of America’s influential gospel vocalist, Mahalia Jackson. She would sing her songs all day long and She would have everyone at home singing right along with her.

Being a cosmetologist she worked with her husband as a stylist in his barbershop on Venable Street in Churchill. She was also employed by the Avady and Boswell families and worked at Thalhimers for several years as an

Accuracy Auditor. After her husband retired from Byrd Press the family moved to Caroline County.

Jeris lived a full and lavish lifestyle, her husband spoiled her and cherished her until his death. She is strength personified and was a phenomenal woman. Her legacy will live beyond her physical body. She enjoyed fashion, being with friends, music, shopping and traveling. She was a classy lady, very independent and would often travel to enjoy the ocean and its beauty.

Jeris was preceded in death by her husband Richard W. Thompson, Sr.; her son, Steve Thompson; 2 granddaughters, Sharonda Hubbard and Constance Taylor. On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, she entered eternal rest peacefully with family by her side. The legacy of love she leaves behind is a caring family: Richard, Jr., Mary E., Lloyd A., James B., John L., Joseph W. and Irene P. Thompson; Antoinette Taylor, Clara James and Frances White; 3 daughters-in-law, Faye Thompson, Rosalyn Thompson and Stephanie Thompson; 1 son-in-law, Earl James; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grands, and 2 great-great grandchildren; her extended family Tonya Jones, Wilma Murry, Michael Talbert, Diane Thompson and Carolyn Bruce Clark, along with a host of relatives and friends, including her beloved four-legged grandson "Biggie" who is missing her already.

Our Girl Pauline

God made a wonderful mother. A mother who never grows old. He made her smile of the sunshine and molded her heart of gold. In her eyes He placed bright shining stars. In her cheeks fair roses you see. God made a wonderful Mother . . . and He gave that dear Mother to me!

—Penned by Symone T. White

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Speaking Spirit Ministries
4205 Ravenswood Road
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeris Ophelia Thompson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wanda Batts lit a candle in memory of Jeris Ophelia Thompson*



Wanda Batts - April 24, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *To my dear friend Frances:
My condolences and prayers are with you and your family. I thank
God for your mother's life and legacy. Sending much love your way.*

Elder Shirley Hinton-McRae

Elder Shirley Hinton-McRae - April 24, 2021 at 02:04 AM



“ *To Frances and Family
So sorry for the loss of your loved one. May
God continue to bless the each of you.*



Cathy Harris - April 22, 2021 at 09:46 PM

BW

“ TO THE FAMILY SENDING MY
CONDOLENCES.



BARBARA WASHINGTON - April 21, 2021 at 11:45 PM

ST

“ *SSM Hope Alive Worship Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeris Ophelia Thompson.*



SSM Hope Alive Worship Team - April 21, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie Bowler lit a candle in memory of Jeris Ophelia Thompson*



Bonnie Bowler - April 18, 2021 at 09:53 AM

DJ

“ Our deepest condolences to our family! We remember the days when Jeris use to sing at Mt. Salem with that beautiful voice. Family keep your head up & stay in prayer. God bless you all!



Love you always,
Cousin PeeWee & Niecey

Denise Jackson - April 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM

DC

“ Cousin Jeris will be fondly remembered by me. I will hear her infectious laughter and see her glowing smile. My fondest memory shared with Jeris is of "Miss Piggy" when we use to visit in Caroline. I believe that was my first introduction to the country. She leaves a legacy of children, grands, great and great-great grands and one thing she loves is "family". Continue to keep your gatherings and share in the spirit of her love.

Dana Cosby - April 15, 2021 at 01:48 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 - April 15, 2021 at 11:54 AM