



Jerrelle F. Francois

August 8, 1936 - December 25, 2019

“We cannot feel life’s losses without first feeling the blessings of its fullness.”

JERRELLE IRENE FOSTER FRANCOIS, daughter of the late Elizabeth Edmonds and Preston Foster Sr., was born on August 8, 1936 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Growing up in Baltimore, Jerrelle took advantage of any and all opportunities that were afforded to her. She met and married Malcolm Francois on May 9, 1970. Summer times were spent in Littleton, North Carolina after school closings. Jerrelle, her mother, siblings, Uncle Roger and, his six children were all overloaded in a car bound for the country. Later, she attended the Baltimore Public Schools and was an alumnus of Dunbar High School. She received a Bachelor and Masters of Science from Morgan State University. Later in her career, she was referred to as a “Mother of Middle Schools” because of her numerous education pursuits. She received numerous citations and awards for her work in education from state and city governments, schools and organizations. However, her most outstanding award was “Outstanding Principle of the Year” in 1984. Shortly afterward, her staff designated a day in her honor and named it the “Jerrelle F. Francois Day”. She continued her career after retiring from Baltimore City Public Schools as a consultant in education for Sylvan Learning System and Learned It. She was known, heard and respected at Zion. She was appointed as a trustee in 1994 and served faithfully, but her gift was teaching. Jerrelle and Dr. Mary Nicholsonne were a powerful duo, both former teachers and, associate superintendents in the Baltimore Public School System who brought

Sunday School Adult Class #4 instruction to its highest level. Her presence will surely be missed at Zion. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Jerrelle loved to travel, reading, dancing, entertaining and being around family and friends. Leaving to cherish the-life of a powerful Christian women, her adopted daughter, Veronica Jones; son-in-law, (Donald); grandson, Christopher Woods; great grandson, Matthew Woods; a devoted sister, Selena Redd; brother, Preston Foster, Jr, (Marian);three nephews, Kevin, Preston, and Kyle; one niece, Cheryl; two great nieces, Tanya and Dianna; and a host of relatives and friends, including her AKA family, godchildren and her daughters-in-lov

Cemetery Details

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1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

viewing

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerrelle F. Francois*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hilda Phillips lit a candle in memory of Jerrelle F. Francois*



Hilda Phillips - December 31, 2019 at 04:16 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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