



Joan Burrell Hopkins

August 11, 1948 - October 18, 2024

Legacy of Life

Joan Burrell Hopkins

“I have fought a good fight. I have finished the race and I have kept the Faith.”

Joan Burrell Hopkins was born August 11, 1948 in Henrico County, Virginia to Ellwood Burrell, Sr. and Alleyne Starkes Burrell. She was the youngest of their four children.

Joan was baptized at an early age and accepted Christ as her Savior at Mount Herman Baptist Church. In her later years, she enjoyed worshipping at Mount Hope Baptist Church.

Joan was educated in Richmond Public Schools. She graduated from Armstrong High School in 1967. She was formerly employed by Richmond Public Schools as an Attendance Worker. She retired from RPS in 2003.

Joan and Calvin Thigpen were life partners for over 40 years that loved and provided for the family. She was a great cook and loved to shop. Her greatest loves were her two grandchildren. They were an extension of her heartbeat.

She cherished spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellwood Burrell, Sr. and Alleyne Starks Burrell, and brother, Ellwood Burrell, Jr.

Joan departed life suddenly on Friday, October 18, 2024. She is survived by her husband/life partner, Calvin Thigpen, Jr.; daughter, Shelby Haskins (Geoff); son, Calvin Thigpen, III (Devlyn Charity); two grandchildren, Madisyn Thigpen and Miles Haskins; two sisters, Aretha Powell (John) and Brenda White (Richard); sisters-in-law, Evelyn Burrell and Karen Thigpen and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 28. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

OCT 28. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of life with live streaming

OCT 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joan B. Hopkins, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Joan Burrell Hopkins*



March Funeral Homes - October 22, 2024 at 12:33 PM

GT

“ *Gwen Randolph Tunstall lit a candle in memory of Joan Burrell Hopkins*



Gwen Randolph Tunstall - October 29, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joan Burrell Hopkins.*



October 28, 2024 at 09:48 AM

AP

“ Adrian Hopkins & Jess Peterson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joan Burrell Hopkins.



Adrian Hopkins & Jess Peterson - October 27, 2024 at 09:46 AM

M—

“ To Shelby and Family.
My heart goes out to you during this most difficult time, please know she will be missed.
Herman and Muriel❤️

Muriel Thomas —Neighbor - October 26, 2024 at 06:20 PM

RC

Calvin and family, our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to you at this time of your loss. Your loved one and our friend will be truly missed.
Deacon Raymond and Deaconess Sharon Crockett

Raymond Crockett - October 26, 2024 at 07:51 PM

DP

“ To The Family and Friends of Joan Burrell Hopkins,
Lord, we know that You are the God who comforts. I pray that You provide a time of comfort, peace, and rest for those whose hearts are hurting right now. Hold them in Your embrace, Father. Wrap them in Your love and remind them that though they may have lost someone dear, they are not alone, for You are with them. Bring to them the hope of Your unfailing love. As they lift their worries and cares to You, I humbly ask that You lift up their hearts from this grief that overwhelms them. May Your presence bring them joy and comfort as they embark on this journey of healing with You. In Your Most Holy Name, I pray. Amen. ❤️🙏



Debbie E Peppers - October 26, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MA

“ Marilyn and Ashley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joan Burrell Hopkins.



Marilynn and Ashley - October 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

MH

“ I am sending my sincere condolences to Shelby and her family. Wishing there were some way to make things easier for you now... Hoping it will help a little just to know how much we care, how many thoughts are with you.

Love you... Uncle Mike, Erica and Adrian Hopkins

Mike Hopkins - October 23, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joan Burrell Hopkins.*



October 22, 2024 at 07:53 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 - October 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM