



Kittie H. Winston

September 3, 1949 - November 29, 2023

Kittie Hairston Winston, 74 of Richmond, VA passed on Wednesday November 29, 2023, at Bon Secours Community Hospice House. Born September 3, 1949, in Virginia to the late Maggie Penn Hairston and late Joe Henry Hairston. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Larry D. Hairston, Ernest Hairston, Joseph Hairston and George Hairston: three sisters, Isabelle King, Betty Talley, and Annie Hairston.

Kittie is survived by two sisters, Marian Hairston (Leth) of Martinsville, VA; Sandra Woodward of Ridgeway, VA and God sister, Melody W. Davis of Richmond, VA. Godchildren: Sherrell Briggs, Jesse E. Davis, Rachel A. Davis, Shirleen & Randy Allen. She would like to give a special thank you to her Niece, Jessica Hylton and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.

Kittie graduated from George Washington Carver, Class of 1967. She received her Bachelor's & Master's degree from Virginia Union University where she became a professor at Virginia State University for many years. Kittie later retired from the Department of Social Services where she spearheaded the 211 programs. Lastly, she was an active participant of the "Hechler Village Neighborhood Watch Association."

Kittie was a member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist church in Henry

County, Virginia where she was very active. She then moved on to Greenwood Baptist Church under the direction of Todd Winston and Gospel Baptist. Later in life, she joined Unity of Faith Fellowship International church under the leadership of Pastor Myron and Co-Pastor Melody W. Davis. With her leadership skills, she trained and educated many that crossed her path.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

DEC 7. 2:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Kittie H. Winston, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Kittie H. Winston*



March Funeral Homes - December 05, 2023 at 10:21 AM



Thoughts and prayers are extended to Kittie's family & friends. Her high school graduating class! George Washington Carver Class of 1967

Margie Gilbert - December 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM

SH

My thoughts and prayers to the family of such a beautiful classmate of G W Carver. I remember her sweet smile and humble spirit of Kittie as though it was yesterday. Sandra Wright Hairston

Sandra Hairston - December 06, 2023 at 04:49 PM

TP

Our thoughts and prays goes out to Kittie,s family and friends.Sending Special Comfort to her beloved sisters Marion and Sandra.God needed another angel in Heaven and he did not want her to suffer here anymore.Please accept a Big Hug from us, for we would like to be there in this time of sorrow. Your cousins the Penn Family of Texas

The Penns - December 07, 2023 at 12:18 PM

BC

“*Sadly, I have just learned today, December 29, 2025, that Kittie passed away in 2023. We worked in the same division at VDSS in the 1980s. It was my pleasure to know Kittie, a very interesting and inspiring woman. I am sorry she has passed away. Although late, I send my condolences to her family and to Melody Davis (who knew me as Betty C. Butterworth). Betty Conner*

Betty Conner - December 29, 2025 at 08:14 AM

AM

“*Alice Martin lit a candle in memory of Kittie H. Winston*



Alice Martin - December 20, 2023 at 10:12 PM

DL

“ My deepest sympathy to the Winston family and to all who cared for and loved Kittie.

Kittie and I were next door neighbors for over 40 years.

We shared many activities especially planning activities like the annual

Christmas Party for our "Hechler Village Neighborhood Watch Association."

Loving Memories sustain us in times of sadness. May God give you strength to help you through this difficult time.

I will truly miss her.

Deborah Lewis

DEBORAH LEWIS - December 07, 2023 at 01:15 PM

“ The dictionary describes a mother as: A woman in relation to her child.

The verb, to bring up a child with care and affection or to give birth to. Although my east coast mom Ms. Kittie Winston did not physically give birth to me, she mothered me in every way a mother can and should mother a child.

My first memory of her was a knock on the door early one Sunday morning when I was a young teenager. Ms. Kittie burst in stating the Lord would not let her sleep, she had a bag full of food from her own pantry and refrigerator. As she filled our bare cabinets with food from her own cabinets, she praised God, thanking him that he used her. I was so hungry and Ms. Kittie fed me. Things like this happened throughout my teen years, in her no nonsense way she demanded excellence from me! She made me give church announcements, enter oratorical contests, attend baptist training union events, all on her dime. She invested in me physically, financially and spiritually. When I didn't think I had what it took to go to college, she reprimanded me and told me I could do all things through Christ who strengthens me! She taught me to tithe, pray, walk in Gods word and keep my eye on God. She taught me to trust God and walk by faith. I showed up to VA state with an acceptance letter, a suitcase, a dream and that seed of faith Ms. Kittie planted in me. Nothing else. Like a super hero, she showed up, literally provided all that I needed from books, to food, to sheets and towels. She saw me. She didn't see the broken, battered, abused, rejected and neglected person I thought I was! But she saw a child of God, adopted me as her daughter and loved me fiercely with stern discipline balanced with so much love.

When I joined the Army, I laughed to myself as the drill Sergeants that tried to be tough. I said to myself, “they have absolutely nothing on Ms.kittie!” Everything she told me to do, I did and I was so abundantly blessed for it! A few years back I showed up at her door unannounced and like the father of the prodigal son she screamed... “My child is home! Thank you Lord!”

** I can honestly say that if it were not for this powerful woman of God I would not be who I am, where I am in life or maybe even have a life. God knew exactly what I needed and he blessed me with it exceedingly abundantly and above all I could ever ask or think in my dear mother, Kittie Winston. Thank you God for blessing me. No, she did not biologically birth me... but in the spirit I am her child and she is my mother. The seeds she has sown in me have bloomed beautifully and her legacy continues. Well done mom. I love you.
Tiki❤️*

Tashieka Russell - December 07, 2023 at 12:30 PM

CP

“*Kittie was a beautiful soul and miles and years separated us, I’m thankful that we were able to connect via social media. Kittie was always supportive of my youngsters and always provided a loving word. Another Angel has ascended.*

Charles Perkins - December 06, 2023 at 10:39 PM

JF

“*It was my good fortune to grow up with Kittie and her brothers and sisters. They helped provide me with many special moments of my childhood, She and her family will always be a part of my thoughts. My sincere condolences to the family and especially to Marion and Sandra.*

John Ferguson (Johnny Boy)

john ferguson - December 06, 2023 at 10:08 PM

DP

“ Sending love and light to all our cousins, family and friends of Kittie. She was a familiar face at Penn-Diggs reunion and I pray the family finds peace and comfort. Love, Darlene Penn

Darlene Penn - December 06, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kittie H. Winston.



December 06, 2023 at 01:05 PM

AV

“ Ascended Women’s Bible Study VDSS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kittie H. Winston.

Ascended Women’s Bible Study VDSS - December 06, 2023 at 01:05 PM

FP

“ From children of Madriene Althea Penn. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Kittie H. Winston.



From children of Madriene Althea Penn. - December 05, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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From children of Madriene Althea Penn. - December 05, 2023 at 11:29 AM

JR

“ Blessings to the family. Sending condolences and prayers of peace and comfort to those who loved Ms. Kittie.
Julinda Lewis Ruffin
Neighbor

Julinda Lewis Ruffin - December 05, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JC

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Kittie Winston. May God comfort you as you deal with the transitioning of your loved sister, aunt and Godmother. Kittie was a loved former member of Gospel Baptist Church, where she formed lifelong friendships as she worked as a Trustee. She will be greatly missed. God got the best when he called Sister Kittie home.

Joyce L. Carter - December 04, 2023 at 10:28 PM

RW

“ To the family: So sorry for your loss, I pray that God will bless and keep all of you through this time of sorrow. Rita Wade

Rita Wade - December 04, 2023 at 09:56 PM

VG

“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time. That you should know no further sorrow or pain. Kittie is resting in the Lord. I want y'all to know that I will be praying for strength and peace for your family Love Sister Vivian Gordon*

Vivian Gordon - December 04, 2023 at 03:12 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, 2023 at 04:12 PM

MW

RIP My Friend

Mary Woodley - December 03, 2023 at 06:06 PM

AU

My prayers of comfort is with the family may God hold each and every one in His power Hands may the Lord be with y'all as as you travel and give y'all a safe trip home Willa Hairston

Augsuehairston - December 04, 2023 at 10:13 PM

ST

Prayers and condolences to the family. May the Lord give you comfort and strength to help you all through this difficult time. Sending hugs to the family. Ms. Sheila H. Turner and Family

Sheila Turner - December 05, 2023 at 08:05 PM