



Laura Lee Coley

April 23, 1932 - January 23, 2014

Laura Lee Coley peacefully departed this life on January 23, 2014. She was born April 23, 1932, to the late Lucy Nelson Dark.

Laura attended Richmond Public Schools. She accepted Christ at an early age, joining the First Baptist Church of Washington Park. There she served on the Ladies Auxiliary Usher Board as well as sang with the Gospel Chorus and Senior Choir. As time passed, Laura later became a member of the Northside Crusaders Baptist Church. There she sang with the family group, The Coley Singers.

Laura was a faithful member of the United Order of Tents organization and The Women's League of Richmond until the decline of her health. Serving the Lord and taking care of the family was her passion. She always gave of herself and time, often sacrificing her wants for the happiness of others. Laura was employed by the Richmond Newspaper Company, where she worked for more than 32 years, until her retirement in 1992.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, William E. Coley, Sr., three daughters; Gladys Coley, Essie Charles, and Barbara (BJ) Biviens; two grandsons, James and Ricky Washington; two great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; mother, Lucy Dark; three brothers, Walter, Willie and Frank Dark; two sisters; Lista Hewson and Carolyn Corbin.

Laura leaves to cherish her memories three sons, William Jr. (Brenda J.) Lloyd (Brenda S.) and Spencer (Patricia) Coley; four daughters; Sylvia White, Gwendolyn Coley, Sheila Green (Irvin) and LaVette Branch; three sisters; Elinor and Estelle Dark and Yvonne Coleman; four brothers, Joseph Nelson (Catherine), Lattie R. (Katrina), Raymond Sr. (Karen) and Jessie (Brenda) Dark; 29 grandchildren, two devoted LaToya C. Graham (Jamil) and Ashley R. Coley; 42 great grandchildren; 9 great great grandchildren; 4 God children; Robert Winston (Maude), William Quarles (Jean), George Chambers and Angela Gordon (William).

IN HER LIFE, LAURA TRULY PERSONIFIED THE TRUE MEANING OF A MATRIARCH AND GAVE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE TO ALL SHE ENCOUNTERED

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

5th Street Baptist Church
2800 3rd Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Lee Coley*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, but Jesus has promise that all those in the grave will hear his voice and come out John 5:28. What a joy it will be to see your loved one again.*

carolyn - February 01, 2014 at 09:06 PM



“ *To the Family of Mrs. Coley,*

I wish to extend my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength from this hope in the days ahead.

Sharon Hill - January 31, 2014 at 06:12 PM



“ *May God be with you during the loss of your dear mother. May her memory last forever in your hearts. Blessing Raymond Layton*

Raymond Layton - January 30, 2014 at 02:33 PM

RW

“ *Rev. LaMont Wimbish lit a candle in memory of Laura Lee Coley*



Rev. LaMont Wimbish - January 30, 2014 at 12:08 PM

JB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Death can be hard to cope with. Fortunately, God promises to rid the earth of all sickness, suffering, and death (Revelation 21:4). May this bring you comfort in this time of need.*

JB - January 29, 2014 at 06:37 PM

LH

“ *Coley Family,
So sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
LaToya Pleasants Harding*

LaToya Harding - January 28, 2014 at 09:14 AM

KC

“ *to the family and friends of ms. coley i give my sincere condolences and offer these scriptures as comfort for you: Revelation 21:3,4 John 5:28,29 and psalms 72:12-14. i would like to extend to you the invitation for a bible study so that we can share even more of the bible's wonderful promises that help us to see what is required of us in order that we might be .re-united with our loved ones in the resurrection. we can have a telephone study or we can do so through letter writing. my e-mail address is: kathryncommander@yahoo.com hope to hear from you in the near future.*

kathryn commander - January 27, 2014 at 12:35 PM

DP

“ Mr. Coley, I send my condolences to you and your family. May God comfort and keep you during this difficult time.

Evangelist Darinda Preston

DARINDA PRESTON - January 27, 2014 at 10:48 AM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - January 27, 2014 at 10:43 AM

WB

“ Hi Coley Family. It's sad to hear of your Mom's passing. The last time I saw her was in June, I believe, getting in the car with family. I was on my way to visit but didn't get to. I thank God I got to meet this grand lady. She welcomed me into her life as a daughter and was always a great inspiration with her great big smile and hearty joyful laugh to match! Now she's looking over the balconies of heaven praising God singing and rooting for us all to come marching in! Blessings to all of you, love, comfort and peace.

Wanda B Brown - January 26, 2014 at 07:00 PM

SS

“ SYNITA SAUNDERS-TYLER lit a candle in memory of Laura Lee Coley



SYNITA SAUNDERS-TYLER - January 25, 2014 at 12:40 PM

FA

“ To the Family of Laura Lee Coley,
I wanted to write to let you know how sorry was to read of the death of your loved one. And I also wanted to share with you what helps me when my loved ones die. It is the scripture at Isaiah 25:8. It says there that 'God will swallow up death forever'. What a wonderful hope. Never having to die or see our loved ones die again. And we know it is true because Titus 1:2 says 'God cannot lie'. Well I do hope these scriptures have been an encouragement to you. And if you have any comments or questions please e-mail me.

Faye - January 25, 2014 at 06:59 AM

SH

“ We send our deepest sympathy and love to our dear friends Lloyd and Brenda Coley and the entire family. May God bless and comfort you all during this difficult time.

Sue and Jack Hayes - January 25, 2014 at 12:48 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—
ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - January 24, 2014 at 09:12 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 - January 24, 2014 at 01:08 PM

MJ

To The Coley Family:

With caring thoughts of Sympathy for your Family. Mrs. Coley was apart of The Tyler Family for so may years, she was one of ours Fathers most faithful members, if he had an engagement she was there "this is how he remembers her to this day." He was so sorry to hear of her passing, he extends his heartfelt sympathy. We will all miss her, and pray that God will comfort all of your hearts during your time of sorrow.....

Rev. John F. Tyler Jr. & Family

Monette Moore/Rev. John F. Tyler Jr. - January 25, 2014 at 10:20 PM

JO

To the Coley family,

*We live through periods of joy and pleasure, Times when we're happy and moments we treasure.
With Deepest Sympathy.*

*M. LeVarity
Medford, Massachusetts*

Joann - January 26, 2014 at 06:47 PM

RW

*To our friends the Coley Family,
On behalf the Wimbish family, we send our prayers Heavenward and expressions of love to you in the physical separation of you dear mother from this life. She was indeed one of the pillars of the Washington Park community! No doubt she will be greatly missed. Rest assured..."He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." What a wonderful expectation!*

Rev. LaMont E. Wimbish Sr.

Rev. LaMont Wimbish - January 30, 2014 at 12:09 PM