



Linda Joyce Mitchell-Rufus

April 22, 1951 - April 24, 2013

The Legacy of Linda Joyce Rufus

Our beloved Linda Joyce Mitchell Rufus, 62, was born in Duplin County, North Carolina April 22, 1951. She was called home to be one of God angels Wednesday, April 24, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Lou and Frank Ham, Sr; brother, Tony Mitchell and grandson, TreQuanne Rufus.

She graduated from Savannah High in Grifton, North Carolina and furthered her education in nursing at Wayne Community College where she received her LPN License in 1971. She began her career at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, North Carolina for several years and later worked at Caswell Center.

In her early age, she married Louis Rufus and from this union three children were born. In 1989, she joined St. Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia and served on the Greeters and Nursing Ministry. She was a faithful and loyal member until her health began to fail.

Linda was an outstanding example of a very giving human being whom always managed to somehow put others beyond herself and her needs. She cared deeply for her friends, family, and all of her loved ones to a great extent. Linda was the backbone, the strength, and the light of her family. She gave love to everyone around her. Her door was always open. Linda's warm home was a delight to all that entered. She never turned anyone away. Our Linda was a true reflection of God's love!

Linda was a hard worker that never complained. She cherished life and all that it stood for. Her passion was working in her garden. No matter what she went through, she always put other first.

Linda was a woman that was kind, loving, very caring, compassionate and a supportive person who loved having fun, especially working with her crafts, shopping and traveling. She adored her Church family

Linda touched so many in so many ways and will be truly missed by all, however don't fret. She will always be with us deep in the recesses of our mind and in our hearts until we too die and meet her in the afterlife. We will never allow the light to flicker and continue to carry her torch to eternity.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two loving daughters, Felicia and Katrice Rufus; caring son, Frederick Rufus; six grandchildren, Cedrick Rufus, Azaharey Rufus, Jalen Rufus, ArMon Rufus, Azaiah Wood, and Ahmaria Rufus; four sisters, Betty Harris (Cliff), Beverly Harris, Sharon Woodson,

(David) and Josephine Wiggins (Roger); four brothers, Frank Jr. (Margaret), Alvin (Vera), Kenneth (Monique) and Andre Ham; aunt, Ester Williams; uncle, James Mitchell; devoted son-in-law, William Cummings; one sister-in-law, Mandy Mitchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The Broken Chain

We little knew that day
God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly,
in death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

APR 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Joyce Mitchell-Rufus*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. Linda and I attended middle and high school together. Our friendship goes back to 1963 Last saw her at SHS class reunion Sept 2012. Looking good. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible gives hope that soon our Creator Jehovah God will end all suffering, pain, and death. And we have the hope of being reunited with our loved ones that have passed away. Rev 21:4, John 5:28-29. There will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up to indefinitely everlasting life. Loss of your mom will truly be a challenge to cope with for quite some time. Prayers and the support of friends and family will be a source of comfort.*

Peggy Land - April 28, 2013 at 05:18 PM



“ *The Woodington Alumni and Friends wishes to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of our dear friend and former classmate. Our prayers are with Linda's children, sister, brothers and extended family during this trying time. I know this is not easy, but look to God who is able to see you thur. We pray God's blessings upon you. Echos from the mighty "LONGHORNS" President ---Ida Gooding*



IDA GOODING - April 28, 2013 at 04:41 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family...R.I.P. Aunt Linda!*



Debra Boyd - April 26, 2013 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Katrice Rufus lit a candle in memory of Linda Joyce Mitchell-Rufus*



Katrice Rufus - April 26, 2013 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Mom you will be truly miss!!! You were the glue that held us together and now the glue is gone...we have fallen apart!!!I know you are in a better place...but I also know that you are looking down on us...with that pretty smile of yours...Mom I Love You and I will Miss You and especially our talks...I know I need to be strong...but it don't Stop the hurt...*

Katrice Rufus - April 26, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ 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 25, 2013 at 12:19 PM