



Louise Kerr-Hines

March 15, 1916 - April 9, 2007

Louise Lyles Kerr was born on the ides of March (March 15, 1916) in Baltimore, MD. She was one of four children of the late Dr. Thomas Henderson and Mrs. Geneva Louise Lyles Kerr. She was graduated with honors from Douglass High School in the class of February 1934, and later in June of 1937, she was graduated as salutatorian from Coppin Normal School (now Coppin State University). All of her childhood was spent in the 1900 block of Division Street, where she lived with her parents and brothers, Thomas, Jr. and Judson, until she married her high school classmate, C. Morsell Hines in 1946. Her first job was as an elementary school teacher, which only lasted five years. Teaching was not her cup of tea. She later served briefly as office secretary of the local NAACP branch and still later joined the staff of the Afro American Newspapers as a reporter. Her hobbies included freelance and creative writing, designing greeting cards, sewing, cooking, piano playing, reading and traveling. Louise made a major contribution to the Civil Rights Program when she and her father brought suit against the Enoch Pratt Library for refusing to allow African Americans to be trained and employed by the Library. Although they did not win the case at the U.S. Circuit Court, the case aroused public opinion to the point where the Library soon relented and admitted Negroes for employment. During the Library's 100th Anniversary Celebration, Mrs. Hines was honored for this effort. After her stint at the Afro, she worked at the Maryland Department of Human Resources from whence she retired in 1978. After retirement, she

volunteered as a tour guide at the Maryland Historical Society. She did oral histories on some local citizens and collected Black History items for the society. In 1981, the Philamathians cited her for her work with the MHS. Mrs. Hines was a life member of the NAACP, was affiliated with the Baltimore Urban League, and the Coppin State College Alumni Association where she contributed greatly to its scholarship fund. Her spiritual journey began in Sharp St. Memorial United Methodist Church, and she transferred her membership to Heritage United Church of Christ in the early years of its existence. She was instrumental in starting the morning meditation service that preceded the Sunday morning worship service, and took that responsibility joyfully and very seriously. She loved God and Heritage Church dearly and was the first major contributor to its elevator and accessibility project. During the latter part of her life, she was a resident of Manor Care and later, Future Care-Charles Village Nursing Homes. Once, when she reflected on her life, she said "I have accomplished three things in my life - I killed a chicken, milked a cow, and rode ten miles on the back of a motorcycle." Her motto was "Keep looking up, for God never fails." Her survivors include: nephews, Thomas III, Judson Jr., James, Jerald and David Kerr; nieces, Judy and Jessie Louise; sisters-in-law, Zelma Cheatham, Sylvia Hines, as well as Delores Kerr, who Louise characterized as her "earth angel;" and a long-time, devoted caregiver and friend, Leonard Patterson.

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“ Louise Kerr-Hines

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. First Corinthians 15:26 promises that our "enemy death" will be "destroyed" It also gives the encouraging promise of our loved ones returning to life with no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain. (Revelation 21:3-5, Acts 24:15, Psalm 37:29) May you receive much comfort and strength as you think about these promises. And may you draw close to the maker of them Jehovah God and to his Son Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your loved one. Death is so painful and heartbreaking for those who are left behind. We miss them so much when they pass away. God never intended for mankind to suffer in this way, that's why he promised at Isaiah 25:8 that one day he will swallow up death forever; and certainly wipe the tears from all faces. May that bible thought as well as the hope of seeing your loved one again in the resurrection, comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends, I offer my condolences. It truly is unfortunate that we must experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love. May you find comfort and strength from the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) who promises at Isaiah 66:13, "Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people."###imported-begin##Gwen Winston###imported-end##

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“ To the family of Louise Kerr-Hines, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear loved one. Please be encouraged by the comfort given from the scriptures at 1 Corinthians 15:12-17 and John 5:28,29. May you find a measure of peace in these scriptures and may it warm your heart. It is my hope that these words bring you comfort in the days ahead.###imported-begin##McNeil###imported-end##

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“ May I send my condolences to all. Losing a dear love one like Ms. Louise at the age of 91 breaks the circle of life. The time is coming when we all will be able to live forever as our creator promise at Rev.21:3-5, All things will be made NEW. Never seeing babies and little ones and young ones and middle age and young at heart die. Imagine the happiness whent the dead are resurrected back to life. A grand day to see for mankind.I hope these thoughts will be postive to read and share.May all the many cherish and precious times spent with Ms. Louise help in the jounrey of life.###imported-begin##Lillian Crosby###imported-end##

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