



Marcia T. Rittenhouse

May 17, 1948 - January 1, 2003

Dr. Marcia Thomas-Rittenhouse, Ph.D., daughter of the late Phyllis Chambers Thomas Gibbs and Frederick O'Dell Thomas, step-daughter of the late Henry Gibbs, was born on May 17, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life, peacefully at home, on January 1, 2003. Marcia began her education in the Baltimore City Public School System and graduated from Forest Park High School with honors. An intelligent and inquisitive woman, Marcia continued her educational pursuits at Morgan State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and would complete her education and training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee as a Danforth Fellow. It was at this institution that she earned both a Masters degree and a Doctorate, also in the field of Philosophy. By profession, Marcia was an educator and she returned to her alma mater, Morgan State, to teach in the Philosophy Department, becoming the first Black woman with a Ph.D. in the field to do so. Marcia also taught at Towson State, Coppin State and Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. She eventually retired from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Preceded in death by a brother, Sheldon Thomas, Marcia leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Private First Class Matthew A. Rittenhouse; two daughters, Meredith C. Thomas and Tiffany M. Thomas; one cherished granddaughter, Kierstan Bailey Thomas and her devoted friend, Telsa Hocutt. She is also survived by her brother, Rev. Dr. Michael O. Thomas and sisters, Lisa Gibbs Mays, Lori Thomas, Kimberly Thomas, Shirley Stence, Millicent Holmes; aunts, Mabel P. Lipscomb, Lydia A. Brown, Marlene

Thomas-Waters, Shirley Thomas-Hyatt; uncles, Leon R. Chambers, Nathaniel Thomas, Sr. and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marcia T. Rittenhouse*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Marcia T. Rittenhouse*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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