



Margaret Vivian Prentiss

September 12, 1928 - August 21, 2017

Marguerite (Margaret) Jones Prentiss departed this life on Monday, August 21, 2017, following a brief illness. She was born on September 12, 1928, to the late Melvin Jones and Ellen Crewe Jones. She was reared by the late George Charity, Jr. and Audrey Bradby Charity from the age of nine until she married. She was preceded in death by her parents; foster parents; husband, Deacon Ruffin Prentiss, Sr.; siblings, Ada, Cora and Alvin Jones; and son-in-law, Lorenzo Crawley.

She graduated from Ruthville High School in 1947 and, on September 6, 1947, she married the late Deacon Ruffin Prentiss, Sr. To this union, "two good children" were born. (She always said she had two good children, she knew how she got them but she didn't know where she got them. (Smile).

Marguerite joined Gilfield Baptist Church at an early age and later transferred her membership to St. John Baptist Church. She enjoyed attending church and could be found practically every Sunday on her favorite pew just behind the chair given in memory of Ruffin. She worked for many years at Miller Manufacturing Company.

Marguerite had a quiet, gentle spirit and was loved by many neighborhood children who called her their "second mom," particularly Rev. Vance Jones

and Deacon Timothy Gardner. She enjoyed relatively good health until recently and often told the story of how she had never been hospitalized since giving birth to her son, Ruffin Jr., some 66 years ago. She enjoyed fun times with the Gazebo Girls (Anna Miles, Bernice Miles, Hope Crawley, Princetta Smith and the late Annette Jones, Freda Charity and Arlene Jones). She also enjoyed attending various functions sponsored by the Charles City Committee on the Aging, raking leaves in the yard, and spending time with family and friends. She was noted for her spectacular potato salad and was often found making it for others on special occasions.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory her devoted children, JoAnne Crawley Bell (Warren) and Ruffin Prentiss, Jr. (Delcenia); grandsons, Vaughan Crawley (Crystal), Ruffin Prentiss, III (fiancée Carra Patterson), Landon Prentiss (Caitlin); great-grandson, Jordan Crawley; sister, Marian Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends, among them two devoted daughters-at-heart, Geraldine Womack (William) and Hope Crawley (Kenneth Sweeney).

Cemetery Details

St. John Baptist Church Cemetery

8131 Roxbury Road
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 29. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

AUG 29. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Baptist Church
8131 Roxbury Road
Charles City, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Vivian Prentiss*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Cousin Marguerite was a very kind and soft spoken lady. She will be truly miss at St. John Baptist Church where you could find her sitting in the front seat with Cousin Moss on Sunday morning. To the Prentiss Family: Hold on to God's unchanging hand. Weeping shall endure for the night but Joy cometh in the morning. . .*



Sharon Taylor - August 29, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ *I would cherish Cuz Marg as sweet and loving person. She will be missed and loved. She was another one of our matriarch. Sincere sympathy to the Prentiss family. Expressing my heartfelt and deepest sympathy! Love Joie*

Joie Charity - August 29, 2017 at 05:50 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margaret Vivian Prentiss.*



August 28, 2017 at 02:27 PM

EG

“ *My sincere condolences.*
Evelyn Miles Giebel

Evelyn Miles Giebel - August 27, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Vivian Prentiss.*




August 27, 2017 at 07:49 AM

JM

“ *James McEachin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Vivian Prentiss.*



James McEachin - August 26, 2017 at 05:41 PM

 Sophie Strachan-Moreno

“ *To family and friends may you find comfort in God's word the Bible at Isaiah 61:1,2 it says "God will bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all those who mourn."*

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - August 26, 2017 at 09:36 AM

SA

“ To our cousins we are heartbroken about the passing of Aunt Marguerite, know that if there is anything you need, anything we can do we are here. Prayers and much love your way. The Cotman's ..
Marian, John, Sandie, Lisa, Felicia and Nina

Sandie - August 26, 2017 at 08:48 AM

GJ

“ Marg you will truly be missed. I will always remember you saying "hey gene" and that laugh. You always had the cleanest house ever and I could always grab me a handful of peanuts and some cookies.

We will miss you!!!

Love ya Gena

Gena Jones - August 26, 2017 at 08:22 AM

MC

“ JoAnne,

We extend our most sincere condolences to you and your family. We are deeply saddened by the loss of your mother. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you and your family in your time of sorrow.

Ted and Mary Collins

mary collins - August 25, 2017 at 03:50 PM

YS

“ Such a lovely lady has gone home to be with the Lord. We will miss her smile, kindness, and wisdom.
Michael and Yvonne Jones

Yvonne Smith-Jones - August 24, 2017 at 08:22 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 - August 22, 2017 at 02:35 PM