



Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis

December 2, 1937 - May 6, 2015

Her Legacy

Who can find a virtuous Woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life . . . Strength and honour are her clothing . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and her tongue is the law of kindness . . . Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Proverbs 31:10-28 (KJV)

Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis departed this life May 6, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was born in Lynchburg, Virginia December 2, 1937, the first of five children of the late Thomas O. and Laura Davis Langhorne. She grew up in the Lynchburg "Rivermont" neighborhood in a family where she was loved, and she knew deep faith and education were highly valued. She graduated from Dunbar High School Class of 1956; earned a B.S. degree from Virginia State College in 1960 and began her teaching career that year as the first grade teacher at Armstrong School replacing her very own first grade teacher, the famous Miss Valentine.

On November 23, 1961, she became the bride of a Virginia Seminary student from Lawrenceville, Virginia who had been a Lynchburg Civil Rights protester,

Ralph Reavis. She went with Ralph, a young minister, who became the pastor of churches in Buggs Island, Surry County, Portsmouth and Richmond, Virginia. When they were in Surry, she was blessed with the birth of their son, Ralph, Jr. She enjoyed being a mother, and carrying Ralph, Jr. with her as she continued graduate studies at Hampton Institute. She also drove daily from Surry to teach at Isle of Wight Elementary School, 4th grade, where she was chosen as the Teacher of the Year. When they moved to Richmond, Marion taught 4th grade at Blackwell Elementary. At Blackwell, Marion also worked with an after school enrichment program. She and other teachers had the opportunity to take 12 of the program's students on a trip to Nassau, Bahamas. Successful fundraisers and the sponsorship of Consolidated Bank made the program and reward for these very special students and their teachers possible. One of her students described her as a "no nonsense teacher who made us want to learn."

Being the wife of a Pastor can be tough. Marion found solace in the fellowship and training experiences of the International Association of Minister's Wives and Ministers's Widows (IAMWMW). She joined the Association in 1971 with the Tidewater Ministers Wives. She held office as Treasurer and President of the Richmond Fellowship, Assistant and Recording Secretary of the Virginia Fellowship, and Treasurer of the North-East Region. She was Headquarters Administrator for the IAMWMW from 1985-2000 and served on the registration committee from 1978-2000. The IAMWMW recognized her with the "Beloved Sister Achievement Award" in Richmond December 7, 2013.

When Ashton Clay Reavis was born to her beloved son, Ralph, Jr and his wife, Dorice Morrison Reavis, Marion became a grandmother, and Ashton, the apple of her eye. She enjoyed taking Ashton to IAMWMW conventions. Family memories include the November trips to Massanutten where wedding

anniversaries and Ashton's birthdays were celebrated.

Marion was asked how she perseveres through the challenges of cancer, her response, "I thank the Lord each morning when I wake up for one more day." I always have a trip planned which gives me something to look forward to..

Marion, we're looking forward to the trip, the great reunion. While we journey on, we remember what you taught us. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8 (KJV)

Marion leaves to cherish her memory, Reverend Dr. Ralph Reavis, Sr. her husband of 53 years, son, Ralph Reavis, Jr. (Dorice); grandson, Ashton Clay Reavis; sister, Lucy L. Hicks (Richard); brothers, Howard R. Langhorne (Arelia), Charles W. Langhorne (Frances); sister-in-law, Evelyn S. Langhorne (widow of her brother, Thomas O. Langhorne, Jr.); aunt, Genora Langhorne Daniels; brother-in-law, Dr. Carrel Reavis (Joan); sisters-in-law, Jerry Duplechien (Don), Fannie Franklin, Mary Alice Yelverton and Thelma Allen (James); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. The family wishes to especially thank Delores Milien, Missouri Shephard, Geraldine H. Vaughn, and Quintina Kinney and all who brought Marion joy on this life's journey.

Cemetery Details

Fort Hill Memorial Park

5196 Fort Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

viewing

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Court Street Baptist Church
517 Court St.
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Service

MAY 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

RB

“ *I Love Dr. Reavis: RIP Marion Reavis.*

*Each day I live
I want to be
A day to give
The best of me
I'm only one
But not alone
My finest day
Is yet unknown*

*I broke my heart
Fought every gain
To taste the sweet
I face the pain
I rise and fall
Yet through it all
This much remains*

*I want one moment in time
When I'm more than I thought I could be
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away
And the answers are all up to me
Give me one moment in time
When I'm racing with destiny
Then in that one moment of time
I will feel
I will feel eternity*

*I've lived to be
The very best
I want it all
No time for less
I've laid the plans
Now lay the chance
Here in my hands*



*Give me one moment in time
When I'm more than I thought I could be
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away
And the answers are all up to me
Give me one moment in time
When I'm racing with destiny
Then in that one moment of time
I will feel
I will feel eternity*

*You're a winner for a lifetime
If you seize that one moment in time
Make it shine*

*Give me one moment in time
When I'm more than I thought I could be
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away
And the answers are all up to me
Give me one moment in time
When I'm racing with destiny
Then in that one moment of time
I will be
I will be
I will be free
I will be
I will be free*

Rev. Dr. Harrison/Aarion Benton - June 01, 2015 at 01:48 PM

RJ

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhrJ8qITUUs>
"Swing Low"

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:21 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis*



Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:09 PM

RJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfThX4Zg8xk>

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:12 PM

RJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6YRh1cBeY>

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:12 PM

RJ

*Through the years I keep on toiling
Toiling through the storm and rain
Watchfully and patiently waiting*

*Through the years I keep on toiling
Toiling through the storm and rain
Watchfully and patiently waiting
Till my Savior comes again
I, I'm coming Lord
Yes I'm trusting in Your word
Keep me from the path of sin
Hide me in Your love
Write my name above
When the gates swing open
Let, let me in*

*Oh I'm so tired
Of the load I carry
Yes I'm so tired
Of this world of sin
Oh, the angels
In the kingdom are beckoning
Saying, weary soul come in
I, I'm coming Lord
Yes I'm trusting
Trusting in Your word
Oh just keep me
From the path
Path of sin
Hide me in Thy love
Lord, won't You write
Write my name above
Oh, when those gates swing open
Oh, I, I'll walk in*

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:17 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion sent a virtual gift in memory of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis*



Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:01 PM

RB

*And I never thought I'd feel this way
And as far as I'm concerned
I'm glad I got the chance to say
That I do believe, I love you*

*And if I should ever go away
Well, then close your eyes and try
To feel the way we do today
And then if you can remember*

*Keep smiling, keep shining
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for*

*Well, you came in loving me
And now there's so much more I see
And so by the way
I thank you*

*Oh and then for the times when we're apart
Well, then close your eyes and know
The words are coming from my heart
And then if you can remember*

*Keep smiling and keep shining
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for
In good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for*

Keep smiling, keep shining

*Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for*

*Keep smiling, keep shining
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
'Cause I tell you, that's what friends are for
For good times and the bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for*

Rev. Dr. Harrison/Aarion Benton - June 01, 2015 at 01:43 PM

RJ

“ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PFtCf5SI_c

Dr. Reavis and family, I pray each day your family.

I pray that the words of this song will comfort you. Love, Aarion Benton



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free

I'll sing His love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

"Divine Order." Amen.

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:00 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion lit a candle in memory of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis*



Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 12:54 PM

HR

“ *Praying with your family at this time...*

harry reid - May 12, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MJ

“ *Mayor James L. Walls, Jr. purchased the Arrive i n Style for the family of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis.*



Mayor James L. Walls, Jr. - May 12, 2015 at 02:26 PM

MF

“ *Max Milien Jr. and Family purchased the Beautifu l in Blue for the family of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis.*



Max Milien Jr. and Family - May 12, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis.



May 11, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ Ricky & Christine Hicks/Mrs. Lillie Montague purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis.



Ricky & Christine Hicks/Mrs. Lillie Montague - May 11, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ Sometimes gentle words can do so much to soften the intense sadness when a dear loved one dies. God's word acknowledges that our heart can be "broken and crushed." (Psalms 51:17). But even in severe situations, God can bring relief to a stricken heart if we pray to him in full faith and observe his commandments. May the God of comfort soothe your families aching hearts as the days progress.

Ms.Eubanks - May 09, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Marion Elizabeth Langhorne Reavis.



May 08, 2015 at 05:47 PM

AA

“ I would like to extend my utmost sympathy to Dr. Reavis and Ralph Jr., my esteemed colleague and friend , during this difficult time.I will always remember Mrs. Reavis' quiet and dignified manner. May she find eternal peace.*Alvin M. Adams, mortician,CFSP*



Alvin M. Adams,CFSP - May 08, 2015 at 04:36 PM

RJ

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:04 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 - May 08, 2015 at 01:36 PM

RJ

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Harrison E. Benton Jr./Aarion - June 01, 2015 at 01:05 PM