



Marva Elizabeth Gaines Davis

January 9, 1944 - May 27, 2016

On Friday, March 27, 2016, the Lord picked from his lovely garden our loved one, Marva Elizabeth Gaines Davis. She was born on January 9, 1944 to the late Maurice E. and Dorothy Hunter Gaines. She graduated from John M. Gandy High School in 1962. She furthered matriculated at Virginia Union University where she graduated from in 1967.

She accepted Christ and became a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church during the pastorate of the late Reverend Warren Evans. Marva attended church faithfully from childhood throughout her adult life until her health declined.

She married Arthur Davis in August 1971 and they shared a wonderful life together until his death.

Marva's passion for education led her to pursue a career as a teacher. She taught in Amelia County for several years and then transferred into the Hanover County School System. She retired after serving for over 30 years as a teacher in 1998.

Marva shall be remembered as one who had a humble spirit but yet also was known to speak what was on her mind. She loved gospel music and supported all of her youngest sister's opportunities with the Richmond Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, and more. She enjoyed traveling

and taking family vacations. Dallas was one of her favorite places.

Cherishing her memories are her four sisters, Easter G. Duckenfield, Mabel “Anita” Conner of Sacramento, CA, her caregivers, Sheila G. Mitchell and her husband, Floyd, who lovingly called her “Sunshine” and Wanda G. Bell of Dallas, TX; two nephews, Dwayne Duckenfield (Maimoona) and Kevin Duckenfield (Tamiko); four great nephews, Maurice Conner, Mason, Caden, and Donovan Duckenfield; two nieces, Chereese Conner of Sacramento, CA and Aria Bell of Dallas, TX; two great nieces, Jacquelyn Conner and Yasmine Duckenfield; three special friends, Brenda Petty, Barbara Hunter and Harold Stills; a host of other relatives and friends.

Poem of Life

Author Unknown

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay... Our destination is a place far greater than we know. For some the journey's quicker, for some the journey's slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, Together with the Lord.

Cemetery Details

First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
8175 Pleasant Grove Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Davis was my 5th grade math teacher at Gandy. She was an angel, cared so much about her student but was firm and didn't tolerate misbehavior. I'm just seeing this obituary now. Prayers of comfort for her family, friends and loved ones.*

We are all better off having had her in our lives.

Nikki Griggs - April 24, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ *Marva Elizabeth Gaines Davis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Marva Davis. She was a wonderful person and friend. Our friendship was formed in the educational field where she, my sister Brenda and I worked for many years. Please know that I have you in my prayers and my heart. God has you as well in his loving arms.*

*Love in Jesus,
Jane White*

Dorothy White - June 03, 2016 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Dear Sheila and Family,
Marva was a wonderful friend and mentor to me. I am going to miss her tremendously! I know the need you face is great, but the grace that is yours in Jesus Christ is even greater. May your heart and your faith stay fixed upon Him. You can be assured that He is holding your hand and will not let you go!!!*

*Love in Jesus Christ,
Brenda and Ernest Petty*

Brenda Petty - June 02, 2016 at 05:03 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 - May 31, 2016 at 02:08 PM