



Melody Gresham Manley

September 20, 1945 - February 6, 2016

Melody C. Gresham Manley was born on September 20, 1945 to Martha G. Simpson in Richmond, Virginia. Her Lord and Savior summoned her to take flight and come home on February 6, 2016. She was preceded in death by her grandparents who raised her, Richard D. and Evelyn G. Slaughter.

She received her formal education at Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia where she graduated from the Class of 1963. Melody furthered her education by attending the Medical College of Virginia to obtain her radiology certificate.

She accepted Christ at Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church at an early age. Melody has received her spiritual guidance from St. James Baptist Church where she served on the Culinary Ministry, Senior Choir, Voices of Praise and in the Transportation Department. She also enjoyed her volunteer time working at her church assisting the youth and the Pastoral Care Ministry.

Melody was formerly employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) as a fingerprint expert during her younger years. After 28 years of dedicated service, Melody retired from Henrico Doctors Hospital as a EEG & EKG Technician. She was a true entrepreneur and founded her own transportation business, Call Transpo.

She was close friends with Arthur Ashe and they played tennis during her high school years. Melody was affiliated with Sister Network Central Virginia organization as part of their transportation service. Melody's gentle, kind-spirit compelled her to embrace the needs of others even during her illness. Our Melody was a loyal, caring and compassionate mother, daughter, sister and friend. She was known for her beautiful personality and was very strong willed, but above all she was a woman of faith. A believer to the end!

Melody leaves lasting memories to her son, Micheal C. Manley; mother, Martha G. Simpson; sister, Ramona E. Simpson; brothers, Edward L. Simpson (Barbara) and Gregory Simpson; god-daughter, Dylan C. Ruffin; devoted friends, Nancy Potter and Elsie Gray; dear family friend, Roosevelt Manley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

viewing

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

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church
2169 New Market Road
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ *Melody Gresham Manley*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I met this great woman in 1987..ekg dept...she always told me keep ur nose clean...ur be fine...i loved her..i repsected her...i will miss this great woman. ...thank you for helping me understand life. Miss u ..*

April carter - February 13, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ *I first met Melody when I was stranded at the hospital where we both worked. There was a blizzard and my sports car was so low to the ground that it was impossible to drive home. Melody was in the command station.offering rides to those in need. I thank God for that blizzard and Melody taking me home because I made a life long true friend that day. Such generosity, humility and compassion as she showed that day was the way she always was. Few people knew her numerous and amazing accomplishments because she was a great listener and focused on that rather than herself.. Melody was such an inspiration and a joyful light in the world that she embraced my family as part of her own and my family embraced her and her family as part of their own.*

Melody, I will miss you terribly but I take solace in the fact that I was privileged to be among your friends here on Earth and I know Heaven is rejoicing in your presence there,

Norma Bryant - February 12, 2016 at 09:50 PM

JB

“ I worked with Melody at Henrico Drs. For many years. She was a wonderful person. Always upbeat! My condolences to all her family.
Jennifer Beverley

jennifer beverley - February 12, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melody Gresham Manley.



February 12, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melody Gresham Manley.



February 12, 2016 at 10:19 AM

BK

“ I wish to express my deepest condolence to the family for your loss. May God continue to bless and keep you all. Peace be with you Melody.



Brenda Smith Keel - February 12, 2016 at 04:21 AM

JO

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your most precious loved one Melody. I pray that the wonderful times that you shared will forever live in your minds and hearts and that you will cherish the memories that I know are irreplaceable. How good to know that one day our heavenly father has promised to bring all those who have died back to life by means of the resurrection. John5:28-28 What a wonderful time that will be! Until then please know that you are in my prayers. Once again I am sorry for your loss.

Joy - February 10, 2016 at 01:20 PM

LC

Ramona, it's been years since 3rd grade we met. The years have not interrupted the friendship that we shared as kids and the commonality of having older sisters we looked up to. Three yrs. ago my sister passed. I share your feelings of loss and will keep you and family in prayer. I hope to get in touch with you at a later time. Again, I send condolences and will keep you in my prayers of comfort. Leuvenia

Leuvenia Hines Craighead - February 11, 2016 at 09:19 AM

MB

“ I worked with Melody at Henrico Doctors' Hospital many, many years ago. She was a great friend and a great listener. She will be missed.

Mischelle Bolling

Mischelle Bolling - February 10, 2016 at 10:30 AM

LE

“ With deep sorrow and asking that God will Bless each of you we the Ellis Family offer our heartfelt sympathy. Melody will always be remembered with fondness and love by those of us who knew her. May you all be assured that no one is dead until there is no one left to speak their name!!



La-Verne Ellis & Family

La-Verne A. Ellis - February 09, 2016 at 01:34 PM

NR

“ My best buddy who welcomed me in her home while I transitioned to DC. So full of laughter and such a hard worker. I will never forget and will treasure the memories. I love you Mel.

Nancye Bowling Rodano - February 09, 2016 at 11:01 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 - February 08, 2016 at 06:05 PM

AG

May you find comfort during this difficult time . She will be missed .

Alma Gates - February 10, 2016 at 08:46 PM

JB

Worked with Melody at Henrico Drs. She was a great person. Leaving this world much too early. My sincere condolences.

jennifer beverley - February 12, 2016 at 03:35 PM