



Minnie Peterson Parsons

February 8, 1941 - July 28, 2011

Minnie Beatrice Peterson Parsons of Ashland, Virginia departed this life on July 28, 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Thelma C. Peterson; brothers, Alvin Jerome and Wilbur Calvin Peterson; nephews, Calvin Peterson and six uncles; Bruce, Edward, Theodore, Walter, Earl and Booker T. Carter.

Minnie was born in Hanover County, Virginia and graduated from John M. Gandy High School in Ashland, VA, Smith-Madden Business College and J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College.

She was baptized at an early age and joined the Brown Grove Baptist Church where she was a faithful member. Over the years she served her church as Sunday School Secretary. Minnie was a retired school secretary with Richmond Public Schools. She retired after forty-years of service working at Maggie L. Walker High School for seventeen years, Adams Corner for two years and Ginter Park Elementary School for twenty-three years, from which she retired. Minnie also spent ten years working at the Richmond Technical Center as a full-time substitute secretary after retirement. She was dedicated to her job and had great work ethics, which was evident in 1983 when she was named "Secretary of the Year" by the Richmond Association of Educational Office Professionals and again in 1984 by the Virginia Association of Educational Office Professionals.

When her children were in school, she worked diligently with the schools, serving four years as secretary to the Elmont School PTA and two years as vice president of the Patrick Henry High School PTA and also worked with the band boosters club.

Minnie was involved with many clubs and organizations:

- She was the Past Matron of the Elizabeth Harris Chapter, #86 Order of Eastern Star of Virginia, P.H.A. She also served as the financial secretary to District 5 and 35.

- Las Amigas, Inc., a civic non-profit national organization, where she was a member for over forty years.

- Hanover County Advisory Council for many years

- Retired Richmond Association of Educational Office Professionals

- National Association of Educational Office Professionals

- Virginia Association of Educational Office Professionals

- Richmond Association of Educational Office Professionals

- She helped to organize the Central Virginia Chapter of the American Business Women's Association

- Member of "Women Transformed to Inspire"

- Black Art Lovers Travel Club

A great cook, Minnie had many specialties that she baked and served to her many family and friends, especially her bread pudding, shrimp salad, and mac and cheese. She loved to travel to New York City to see various plays on Broadway. She and her devoted sister Lois and other friends formed the Black Arts Lovers Travel Club and visited many places. She and her husband [Bill] also traveled to many destinations. Her dream was fulfilled when she and Lois traveled to Paris. She also enjoyed good food and fine dining.

Minnie loved family; she was the one everyone called on to do things. When

there was a cook out, she helped organize it; when there was a death in the family, she wrote the obituary. When you wanted to know about the family history she was the one to call. If you needed something typed, she was the one willing to do it. Minnie gathered the family on special occasions for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. She was such a giving and kind-hearted person who gave unconditionally to family and friends.

Minnie lived a remarkable life. She was everyone's friend and confidant. She made many friends and everyone loved and respected her advice. After Jesus, her grandchildren were her greatest love. Minnie was always surrounded by them and she loved them dearly. They brought so much joy and happiness into her life. Her oldest grandchild, Chad, presented her with a plaque title "Grandma" which she read daily.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a devoted and loving husband of 49 years, William Franklin "Bill" Parsons; a devoted and special son, Major Craig Eric Parsons, Sr. (Raquel) of the U.S. Army, stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah; two special devoted daughters, Ginger Parsons-Pryor (Kevin) and Wendy Felice Parsons of Ashland, Virginia; twelve grandchildren, Chad L. Devin F., Nolen, Bryce and Jada M. Pryor, Ashley F., Craig E. Jr., Gerald R., Jarbarli M., Gabrielle T. and Bianca M. Parsons and Darné Dandridge; one great-granddaughter, MeKenzi Pryor; one special and loving sister, Virginia P. "Lois" Tarrer; three brothers, Theodore Trenton (Mary), Bernard Lee and Barry Darnell Peterson (Talisa); one aunt, Iris Carter; three godchildren, Mercedes Samuels Branch, Sean L. Archer and Michael Smith; one devoted cousin, who was like a sister, Erlene Carter-Dabney; three sisters-in-law, Daisy Peterson, Dr. Roberta Parsons Caston and Naomi Parsons Smith (Jack); two brothers-in-law, David Parsons (Mozelle) and George Parsons (Shirley) and Charles Tarrer; nine nephews, Anton, Shawn, Barry Jr. and Bryant Peterson; Demond and Terrence Tarrer, Eric, David Jr., and Todd Parsons; eight nieces,

Cathy P. Mason (Anton), Michelle P. Carter (Anthony), Stacy P. Ross (Dominique), Kendra Peterson, Robin Jones (David), Kimberly C. Weaver, Sonya Davis and Dr. Nichole Parsons-Pollard (Donald); twelve devoted friends, Gloria W. Parker, Brenda L. Archer, Frances H. Robinson, Barbara B. Allen, Helen A. Stokes, Alice Clarke, Rev. Muriel Branch, Mary Sturdivant, Maxine Myers, Nancy Samuels, Beatrice Burton and Ella Pryor-Lee and many other special friends.

Grandma

Since childhood you have given me,
So much strength within
And this has been a precious gift
That's seen me through thick and thin
It truly may be said
You brought happiness with all you did
There will never be a Grandma
On this Earth
Who could compare to you.
Chad

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

AUG 1. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
800 Thompson Street
Ashland, VA 23005

Tribute Wall



“ *Minnie Peterson Parsons*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. During this time, may all be comforted by the wonderful hope expressed at Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

A. Robinson - August 03, 2011 at 06:07 PM



“ *To each family member my heart goes out to you. I have each of you in my prayers. Minnie will live forever in all of our hearts. She taught me to try new things before I decided not to like them. She was one of the women I looked up to growing up and one of the first to set an example of what a strong woman should be. I will always remember the way she said my name and her laugh. My heart aches, not only for her going home, but for the family and friends she has left behind. She has touched each and everyone of our hearts, especially mine. I wish I could be there to support each of you in your time of need, please know that you are in my heart and in my thoughts. I love each of you.*

Sherri' Archer and family

Sherri' Archer - August 01, 2011 at 06:21 PM

RR

“ *It has been a while since I have seen Minnie. My heart was saddened when I was told of her home going. I say to family, be strong in the Lord, He will guide your steps and in time dry your weeping eyes. She is no longer going through health struggles, she is now in the bosom of our Lord and Savior. To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord.*

Rev. Dru Roane (Mary Carter's daughter)

Rev. Dru Roane - August 01, 2011 at 01:39 PM

AL

“ *Minnie was a gentle spirit. I met her through Nancy Samuels. We had Mercedes and GeNienne in common. I will always remember how calm she was. Love and sympathy to your family.*

*Love,
Avettee*

Avettee Johnson Lynch - August 01, 2011 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ *To the remaining family members of Ms. Parsons, your pain and grief is well known to many including me. I have gained comfort from the scriptures and I now understand why people die and what happens to them after death. While the pain continues, it is lessened when the truth about death is made clear to you. I encourage you to take a moment to consider Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. The comfort you will gain will give you hope that you can get through this process.*

jrt

jrt - August 01, 2011 at 11:10 AM

JS

“ *Minnie was one of the most loving and caring individuals I had the privilege to meet. I met her through my dear friend Nancy Samuels. Minnie never knew a stranger and always had a smile on her face. She will be remembered always. Cherish your memories of Minnie, remember her smile and keep her forever close in your heart...I know I will.*

Our love and sympathy are with the Parsons and Peterson families at this time.

*Love,
John and Sheryl Snellings*

John Snellings - July 30, 2011 at 01:01 PM

JS

“ *John Snellings lit a candle in memory of Minnie Peterson Parsons*



John Snellings - July 30, 2011 at 12:57 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 - July 29, 2011 at 02:30 PM

DB

Ge, sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. I pray that God will give you all the strength you need to make it thru! Just know that she is in a better place where there is no more sickness and she is not suffering anymore. May God comfort you during your time of sorrow.

Detral Timberlake Bolden

Detral Timberlake Bolden - August 01, 2011 at 06:41 PM