



Norvell Inez Jeffries

March 5, 1926 - August 21, 2017

In Fond Remembrance of Norvell Inez Jeffries

Norvell entered into eternal rest on Monday, August 21, 2017 at The Laurels of University Park Rehabilitation Care Facility in Richmond, Virginia. In gratitude, we celebrate the life of our loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Norvell Inez Jeffries also known as “Inez” was the first of nine children born to the late Carrie and McKinley Young on March 5, 1926 in Chase City, Virginia. After high school, she married Grady Elder, Sr. and started a family. They went on to relocate to Newark, New Jersey to raise their family of six children. After their marriage ended in divorce some years later, Norvell married Percell T. Jeffries and their only child Almichael was born.

Although she was a homemaker most of her life, Norvell continued her education at Essex County Community College in Newark, New Jersey and through different workshops she honed her creative gift of arts and crafts.

In 1991, her husband passed away, and she gained more interest outside the home. She was a faithful member of Elmwood Presbyterian Church in East Orange, New Jersey for nearly 30 years until her health started to decline.

She also enjoyed the services at Christian Pentecostal Church in Irvington, New Jersey under Pastor Jerry Smith.

Norvell joined a ceramics class where she created beautiful pieces of art. Her creative gift was evident by the masterpieces she displayed in her home. Family and friends wanted to purchase her work; however, she refused to sell them. She said the purpose of her collections was merely to pass them on to her loved ones as part of her legacy. Aside from ceramics, she pursued her interest in painting and sewing. Her clothing designs looked like a department store brand and her paintings hung proudly in her home. Perhaps the most memorable attribute is her love of fashion. She would receive compliments on her youthful appearance and style from just about everyone. When she no longer could shop at the local mall, the Home Shopping Network (HSN) became her best friend. It would be remiss not to mention how proudly she would smile when told she had long beautiful hair and that she did not look her age.

In December 2013, her daughter moved her to Richmond, Virginia after observing her failing health. She began to thrive again as she enjoyed her new surroundings. Norvell was very independent and insisted upon doing as much as she could for herself in an effort to stay healthy for as long as she could. Gradually, her health problems began to decline, which ultimately led to the need for critical care. Norvell said to the nursing staff as well as family members “had I known life would be this easy at the facility, I would have come sooner because they do everything for you here, all I do is eat and sleep”.

Despite her illness, she would gleam with joy and happiness whenever family from New Jersey and Pennsylvania traveled to Richmond just to see her. She commented that all was well with her and that she did not want or need anything. She was just satisfied with life.

Norvell leaves to cherish her memory a devoted daughter, Jacqueline Robinson of Richmond, Virginia; sons, Emerson and Darryl Elder of East Orange, New Jersey and Reginald Elder of Scotch Plains, New Jersey; sister, Clara Hardy of East Orange, New Jersey and brother, William (Shirley) Young of Union City, Georgia; devoted sisters-in-law Georgia and Shirley Young; 18 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Grady Elder, Jr., and Almichael Jeffries; daughters, Deborah Elder-Jackson and Baby Precious Elder; sisters, Charlene Mosley, Gwendolyn Young and Oneida Smith; and brothers Wilton and McKinley Young.

Special thanks to Kenneth Elder, Eric Crute, Stanley and Roberta Hardy, Troy, Tory and Karen Goode, Carolyn Elder and Carolyn Jones for your contributions and continued acts of kindness during and after her move to Virginia. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Norvell Inez Jeffries*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family in the loss of your dear loved one. May you receive needed strength and peace from God (2Corinthians 1:3,4). It is also hoped that you find comfort in many beautiful ,cherished memories shared with caring family and friends; and in their many loving expressions of caring.*

A.H. - August 30, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Carolyn #1 and Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norvell Inez Jeffries.*



Carolyn #1 and Family. - August 27, 2017 at 02:16 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 03:13 PM