



Reather Marion Peele Hathaway

June 16, 1924 - April 19, 2012

The Life of Reather Jean Peele Hathaway

Reather Jean Peele Hathaway was born June 16, 1924 as the second oldest daughter of the late Ned and Fannie Peele in George, North Carolina. She was a graduate of W. S. Creecy High School and furthered her education at Elizabeth City State Teachers' College now Elizabeth City State University and later graduated with honors from Virginia Union University. She then furthered her education at Virginia Commonwealth University. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. J. Wallace Hathaway; grandson, Randy Hathaway; four brothers; Robert, Walter, Charlie and Richard Peele; two sisters, Catherine Grant and Althea Wilkins, five brothers-in-law, George Malloy, Titus Grant, Thomas Wilkins, William Hathaway; Rev. Anthony Hathaway; six sisters-in law, Cora Peele, Jewel Peele, Cornelia Peele, Martha Hathaway, Etta Mae Hathaway and Mary Hathaway.

She met and married the late Rev. J. Wallace Hathaway and from that union four devoted children were born: Arletha Diane Stokes (Charles); Rev. Milton A. Hathaway (Dr. Sylvia); Harold Alan; and Dr. Marcia Munford (Roger); special son Wallace Earl Banks; 10 grandchildren: Lakeisha Lee (Eric), Lisa Hathaway, Rodney Hathaway (Tamika), E. Danielle Musgrove, April Pleasants (Shawn), Rev. Michael B. Hathaway (Rev. Danielle), Charles Stokes, III; Dr. Rene Stokes (Kakwa McClain); Angela Hathaway and Monte' Hathaway; 19

great-grandchildren: Michael, Malcolm, Ericka, Emanuel, Diana, Jordan, Joshua, Julia, Jamison, Jarred, Alyvia Hathaway; Erica, Elyssa and Edelia Lee; Brandon and Ja'Don Pleasants; Kamari and Christopher Stokes and D'andre Waterson; one sister: Katie Malloy of Greensboro, North Carolina; one sister-in-law Daisy Peele of Portsmouth, Virginia; one brother-in-law, Charlie A. Hathaway of Baltimore, Maryland. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She stressed the importance of education to her family and to all youth and young adults she interacted with. She taught in the following public and private schools: Cale Street Preparatory School, Elizabeth City North Carolina; H. L. Trigg Elementary School, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Shawtown Elementary School, Lillington, North Carolina; Brick Church Elementary, Amelia, Virginia; Russell Grove Hill School, Amelia, Virginia; East End Elementary School, Hanover, Virginia, Battlefield Park Elementary School, Hanover, Virginia where she retired. After retirement, she continued to teach at Richmond Preparatory Academy and various elementary schools within Richmond Public Schools System. Even most recently, when her children would see some of her former students, they would always talk about their favorite 4th grade teacher "Mrs. Hathaway" and would passionately say "She was tough, showed a lot of love and cared that we always did our best".

She was a devoted member of the Grayland Baptist Church for forty-six years. She loved her pastor and the Grayland Baptist Church family. She faithfully served as a former first lady, church school superintendent, director of Christian education, Deaconess and Mother of the Church. When controversies or confusion would arise, her first words were "Well, have you prayed about it and since you haven't ...LET'S PRAY".

She has maintained membership in the Hanover Retired Teachers' Association and the joy of her life the International Association of Ministers'

Wives and Widows, Northeast Region Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows , Virginia State Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows Association, and the Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship of Richmond & Vicinity. Until her health began to fail she had only missed one International meeting in thirty eight years and never missed a State meeting. She served faithfully as a local level president, chaired many committees most recently served as membership chair. For over forty years she served as chair or co-chair for the State MWMW "Ailene B. Godwin Retreat". On the International level she served for many years as historian. In recognition of dedicated service, in 2007 she was inducted into the International Ministers' Wives and Widows Hall of Fame.

If there is one thing to be remembered about Mrs. Reather P. Hathaway that would be that she LOVED WITH NO LIMITS – She loved God, her church, her family and her friends unconditionally. Her legacy will live on.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **23**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grayland Baptist Church
2301 3rd Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Reather Marion Peele Hathaway*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *May God continue to comfort all those who loved Ms. Hathaway. We can all look forward to the time when death will be no more and instead of tears of sorrow there will be tears of joy. I know she will be missed by many. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.*

Karolyn Nichols - April 25, 2012 at 02:52 PM



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Angela M. Hathaway - April 25, 2012 at 12:54 PM

TW

“ Dear Family. I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your dear Reather. When our loved ones die, we mourn. Death is an enemy, not a friend. (1Cor 15:26) The Bible foretells a time when "death will be no more." (Rev. 21:4). Jehovah God created us with the desire to live forever. How grateful we can be that Jehovah God provided the ransom to rescue us from this dreadful enemy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! Read these scriptures anytime you think of Reather; may they console you, because as long as you stay close to God and serve him wholeheartedly, you will see Reather in the Earthly Paradise! (Psalm 37:29; Rev 21:3,4).

TWilliams - April 23, 2012 at 08:07 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - April 22, 2012 at 10:20 AM

PL

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family at this most difficult time. May you be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and the end to sickness and death forever. God makes this wonderful promise to us at Isaiah 25:8. So soon death will be no more, and we won't have to bury our loved ones ever again. At John 5:28 God promises that all those in the memorial tombs will hear the voice of his Son Jesus, and come out of those tombs. May you find comfort in these wonderful promises from Jehovah God.

Peggy Land - April 21, 2012 at 08:11 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family.
May you find comfort in the scriptures at Rev 21:3,4 where Almighty
God promises to remove sickness and death. I hope this will
encourage and strengthen you during this time.*

Mrs. Howard - April 20, 2012 at 10:11 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 - April 19, 2012 at 04:35 PM