



Rhonda Evette Banks

July 5, 1957 - December 18, 2008

Our beloved, Rhonda E. Stevenson Banks, diagnosed with breast cancer nine years ago, fought gracefully, baring her pain, and battle scars with a smile, and a courage that could only be compared to that of a warrior. A warrior who knew there was always hope until her chest lifted and fell one last time. Rhonda was a bold, strong woman who never wore her ailment as a burden, or affliction, but instead motivated to become that much more addicted to life. Being deep in faith, she had peace of body, mind, and soul, knowing only the latter would follow her into eternal life. She never shied from work or pain, getting out of bed every morning, Rhonda enjoyed going to bed each night to her passions including quilting, reading, gardening, writing, tending to her Koi pond, and drinking her grapes. Rhonda was born in Edenton, North Carolina, July 5, 1957 to Fred and Carrie Stevenson. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University and received her Masters in Education. On December 10, 1979, Rhonda married her best friend, Marvin. She was a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church where she was baptized along with her son, Parker. Rhonda had an intoxicating laugh, that could be triggered by jokes of modest humor, leaving the teller in stitches as well, never allowing an awkward moment. Her smile was as sincere as the words she spoke. Rhonda truly loved her friends, staying up late sharing libation and late night calls with her sorority sister and best friend, Gwen Whiting; frequenting one of her favorite restaurants to chat with her "close friend" Pat West; and being visited frequently by her Henrico County Public Schools family. She was the keystone of her

family, in the middle, providing constant stability during hugs, kisses, fusses or fights. Words like "yummy", "goobers", and phrases like "c'mon people", were offerings of her incite. She could almost always be found with one of her "Banks boys" as she referred to her loving husband and son. Though she was a mom to one boy, her motherly affection was shared with the kids she taught and led as an Educational Specialist for Henrico County Public Schools. Her Life was full of purpose, and meaning, but she offered all of this love, care, comfort, and unfettered honesty, never making anyone she helped feel as if they owed her. Rhonda left behind a loving caring family... The love of her life for twenty-nine years, husband Marvin Ray Bank, Jr.; son, Parker Allen Banks; mother, Carrie Batts Stevenson of Newport News, VA; sister, April Gail Stevenson of Newport News, VA.; mother-in-law, Evelyn Banks; two brothers-in-law, Leonard Banks (Harriet) and Armond Love (Jennifer); two uncles, Edward Stevenson of New York and William Taylor of Plymouth, NC; two aunts, Pauline Stevenson of Kannapolis, NC and Ruby Stevenson of Statesville, NC, a host of cousins, other relatives, friends, and AKA Sorority Sisters.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rhonda Evette Banks*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Revelation 21:3-5 tells us of the time when sickness, pain, sorrow and death will be done away with. To add to that, Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "there is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much solace from this loving hope found in the Holy Bible.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *I had the honor of knowing Rhonda since her fight with cancer began. I will always remember the smile and determination that was always present even in the most trying times. Being a nurse that worked to make her better it is always sad when it turns out like this, but Rhona always was upbeat and possitive for the 9 or so years she fought this. Marvin and Parker please know that my thought and prayers are with you today and always. love, nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Civils##imported-end##*

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“ My heartfelt prayers are sent to you in the loss of an incredible woman, Rhonda. Her kind spirit was evident every time I was fortunate enough to be around her. I know how much she was truly loved by her family and wish them the peace that only time can bring. She is in a place with no pain where her smile will light up the heavens and give the angels cause to sing. Love,
Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Downtin##imported-end##

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“ I send my deepest condolences to the family of Rhonda. It is truly hard to deal with the death of a loved one. I really can understand what you're going through, because one year ago I lost one of my closest friends to breast cancer. She had also suffered from it for many years, and we all suffered seeing what she was going through. What helps me to cope when I think about her, and others I love who have died is knowing that I have the hope of seeing them again. Jehovah God has promised that if we are faithful to him and his son Jesus, we will see our loved ones again. Sometimes when we go through this we feel that we can't go on, but Our loving heavenly father feels our pain, and he's the one who helps us to endure any trial we have to face in this life. He also gives us the wonderful hope of the resurrection, which will restore life to millions who have died. One day he promises that all those in the memorial tombs will hear the voice of his son, Jesus, and they will come up out of those tombs. John 5:28,29. May this scripture bring you much comfort, and if you need to talk or desire more information concerning God's wonderful promises, please contact me anytime at my e-mail address. Wishing you much comfort.###imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Hello to family and friends of Ms.Rhonda,I just wanted to tell you a heart warming thought that gives me comfort. Im thinking of a hope thats in the holy scripture, which tells us that one day soon we will see Ms.Rhonda again. John11:25 lets us know that Jesus said that he is "the resurrection and the life". Another comforting thought is that she is not suffering or in pain because those dead are concise of nothing at all. Very soon though Ms.Rhonda will be able to "plant vineyards and eat their fruitage" Isaiah65:21. This will be a glorious time,it is very near. I hope these thoughts are as comforting to you as they have been for me. Warmest Regards!###imported-begin##O.Crosby##imported-end##

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“ To The Family of Ms. Rhonda Banks, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one. Times like these are never easy but the Bible encourages us to throw our burdens on God and he will sustain us (Psalm 55:22) in our sorrow. John 5:28-29 also speaks about a time when there will be a resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in death. Continue to lean upon the God of all comfort (1Cor1:3-5) to gain the strength and support needed to endure. Warmest regards, Chandra Murphy###imported-begin##Chandra Murphy##imported-end##

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