



Roberta B. Baptiste

January 29, 1953 - March 3, 2025

Roberta Baptiste, affectionately known as “Ro”, was born on January 29, 1953, in Chesterfield, VA. Although unexpected to us, she was called home to be with the Lord on Monday March 3, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Roberta was the 12th of 13 children born to Jimmie E. Bradley and Josephine Gayle Bradley. She spent her early years in the country with her parents and her many siblings. After losing her mother at the early age of nine, she eventually moved to New York to be with her older sisters. While working in New York on Wall Street, she caught the eye of a handsome West Indian National from Trinidad and Tobago named Anthony Baptiste. The pair began dating and soon became inseparable. They decided to get married and move to Richmond, VA in 1972 to raise a family. She was a devoted wife to her husband of 51 years, and an amazing loving mother to her three spoiled children. Her family was the heartbeat of her life, and she nurtured each of them with unyielding love, wisdom, and support. Her greatest joy was watching her children and grandchildren grow, always encouraging them to keep God first and pursue their passions and dreams.

Roberta was a woman of God, extraordinary grace, and boundless love. Her life was a beautiful symphony of faith, family, and service. From a young age she found joy and purpose in serving others, whether it was through cooking and delivering meals to pastors and church members, being a listening ear

and giving impactful words of encouragement, mentorship or as a prayer partner spending hours in intercession and prayer. She had a kind and generous spirit, always ready to lend a helping hand. She was the baby girl of the family and the immense love and respect she had for her older sisters was immeasurable. She spent the final years of her life caring for one of her older sisters. Everyone could count on Ro to show up in whatever way she was needed. She touched countless lives and her legacy of kindness, love and compassion will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She was a fashionista and some would even say a diva, but in a good way. Her sense of style, grace and class was unmatched – a true beauty inside and out.

Roberta leaves to cherish her memory her children Anthony Baptiste Jr. (Tonette), La Tonia “Nikki” Baptiste, Tamitra Avion Burnette, grandchildren LaTanyah Baptiste and Hayden Burnette, sisters Lula Jennings, Rebecca Williams, Emma Bradley, Katie Herbert, Josephine Bradley, Runa Moseley, Alberta Rollins, brother Raymond Bradley, and a host of extended family and dear friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jimmie and Josephine Bradley, her husband Anthony Baptiste, Sr., sister Mary Henderson, and brothers Peter, Jimmie Jr., and Samuel Bradley.

Her love was the melody that filled our lives, and though she is no longer with us, her voice will echo in our hearts forever.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/110917> in memory of Roberta B. Baptiste*



March Funeral Homes - March 19, 2025 at 10:41 AM

WE

Such a lovely woman of God. Always liked to hear you sing. May the family be strengthened during this time. Much love Weasel

Weasel - March 20, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TR

Our deepest condolences to the Baptiste Family. Our thoughts and prayers of strength are with you and may God comfort, strengthen, and keep each of you.

*Wishing you peace,
Tyrone & Meredith Robinson*

Tyrone & Meredith Robinson - March 21, 2025 at 06:29 PM

GR

Our sincere heart-felt condolences to Anthony & Nikki and the entire Baptiste family. Prayers of peace, strength and comfort from Guy & Nikki Robinson

We will forever love ❤️ you Auntie Roberta

Guy & Nikki Robinson - March 22, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MG

“ *Missionary Barbara Graham lit a candle in memory of Roberta B. Baptiste*



Missionary Barbara Graham - March 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MG

She was a beautiful soul inside & out and a powerful prayer warrior. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to meeting such an amazing woman of God. I know she will be truly missed praying for the Baptiste 's family.



Missionary Barbara Graham - March 22, 2025 at 03:23 PM

EU

“ *Gone But Never Forgotten*



Eunice - March 21, 2025 at 01:53 PM

RB

“ *Ryssa B. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roberta B. Baptiste.*



Ryssa B. - March 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DN

“ *Dianna (Auntie) Neville lit a candle in memory of Roberta B. Baptiste*



Dianna (Auntie) Neville - March 20, 2025 at 11:23 AM

DN

You will forever be missed and loved. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to know such a jewel and a "Fly" one at that. I remember the last time we saw one another at Hope Christians Ministries. Rest my friend in the arms of Jesus, Family I know all too well of this grief, and longing. I pray and know that God will comfort and strengthen your hearts. Hold on to one another. I love each of you

Dianna (Auntie) Neville - March 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM

ED

“ *Praying for the Baptiste family and you all have my deepest condolences and prayers.*



Elder Teresa Dickens - March 12, 2025 at 06:40 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 - March 12, 2025 at 04:24 PM