



Sallye Hughes Little

October 3, 1930 - April 8, 2025

On April 8, 2025, in His infinite wisdom God called our beloved Sallye Hughes Little to her heavenly home.

Born in Jonesville, South Carolina on October 3, 1930, she was the 5th of 9 children born to the late Victor and Daisy Hughes. She is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, James T. Little Sr. Also preceding her in death are 8 siblings: Lucille Victoria, Pauline, Wallace, Ernestine, Johnny Robert, Joe Roosevelt, Willie Herbert & Annie Ruth.

The family moved to Greensboro, North Carolina in the 1930's, where Sallye received her childhood education. She joined New Zion Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized at an early age. During her early teens she developed polio and overcame the adversity of temporary paralysis for several months. During the same period, she lost 2 dear sisters to the dreadful tuberculosis disease.

After high school graduation, she completed her nursing education at Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina. It was in Winston Salem that she met the love of her life, her future husband James. After dating and getting married, they moved to Richmond, Virginia in the early 1950's. She joined Mt. Tabor Baptist Church where she was a member for over 60 years.

Sallye loved her church and she served in many capacities, including the Health Ministry, the Bennetta Vaughan ushers, the Senior Ministry, Sunday School and Bible Study. She was also one of the church van drivers during the early 1980's. She was installed as a parish nurse, and participated in health fairs & other health related programs until her health limited her activities. She also faithfully coordinated the Rock Richmond exercise program at Mt. Tabor.

She was a member of the Ladies Ushers Union of Richmond & Vicinity, the United Order of Tents, AARP Chapter 390, and the National Council of Negro Women. She was also a volunteer with the reading center at MCV Hospital.

Sallye was licensed as a Registered Nurse and was employed by St. Philips Hospital for 10 years. She then worked as a Public Health Nurse with the Richmond City Health Department/Commonwealth of Virginia, where she retired after 35 years of service. She loved nursing!

After retirement, Sallye explored her love of travel. She visited many places in the continental USA and Hawaii. She also visited the Holy Land, South Africa, and the Caribbean Islands, among other places. She has now traveled to a place we've never been, a place we've only read about, but one day we'll pack our bags and join her there!

Sallye loved to write poetry; when she was a student, one of her poems was published in a literary magazine. Sallye also loved to doodle in her spare time; she said that it kept her mind occupied and helped her remember words. She might draw or just write a phrase, whatever came to mind. She also loved bowling, and was a member of a bowling league for many years.

She loved nature and loved walking in the woods in her youth. In later years, she found that walking the trails at J. Sargent Reynolds brought her much

peace. She loved her vegetables, and maintained a garden of favorites each summer until she was no longer physically able to tend to it.

She loved her family and was affectionately known as “Anna” and “Aunt Anna” by her siblings, nieces and nephews; and “Grandma” and “Grandma Sallye” by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Remaining to cherish her memories are 3 daughters; Cynthia Parker (Alan), Janet Little, Sandra Jeffries; 1 son James T. Little Jr. (Towanda); 7 grandchildren Christopher Parker (Joy), Kaci Quick (Kendrick), Jermaine Little, Tiffany Worrell (Joshua), Derek Parker, James T. Little III, Daniel Little; 13 great-grandchildren and a host of her favorite nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **19**. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

APR **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church
2011 Fairmount Ave.
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Aunt Sallye was an angel right here on earth. She was one of the kindest people I’ve ever known. I will miss her beautiful smile, which was so comforting. Now she dwells with the other angels and with our family who preceded her in the hereafter. I pray that she and the other angels will get together and use their powers to fix what is wrong in our world.

I offer my sincere condolences to my cousins on the passing of their wonderful and beloved mother, who led an exemplary life. May Aunt Sallye’s memory be a blessing.

Toni Bennett - April 21, 2025 at 08:12 AM

BB

“ To the family of Mrs. Sallye Little:

Words cannot express my deepest condolence in the passing of your mother. Mrs. Little was very soft spoken but spoke powerful words with a kind heart. She will truly be missed. As in the words of Maya Angelou, “When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile. We Breathe, briefly. Our eyes briefly, see with a hurtful clarity. Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines gnaws on kind words unsaid, promise walks never taken.” A true phenomenal woman, I am thankful for knowing her.

Beverly W Bey

Beverly Bey - April 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM

NB

“ To! The family of Mrs. Sally Little, you have my deepest sympathy on the homegoing of your loved one. Mrs. Little was very active in the Ladies Ushers Union. She represented Mt. Tabor Baptist church very well. Always remember love never dies, she will remain in our hearts forever.
Nancy Broadie, Ladies Ushers Union of Richmond & vicinity



Nancy Broadie - April 16, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TM

“ Extending our sincerest of condolences from the Richmond Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Tyee Mallory - April 15, 2025 at 01:23 PM

MN

“ My heart felt condolences to Pam and Janet. Mrs. Sallye was always so kind to me when I came to Richmond! Just know she is now walking around Heaven hand in hand with Jesus.

Marie McBride (Greensboro, NC) - April 14, 2025 at 10:55 AM

TA

“ My Deepest Condolences 🙏 to the Little family. James You and Your Family are in our Thoughts and Prayers 🙏🕊️. GOD's Peace Be Upon You All and Keep You Comforted and Strengthened In HIM, Amen... † 🙏🕊️!
Hold Tight to To Your Loving Memories Shared with your Mom as tgeae are the Beats of Your Heart... 🙏🕊️❤️!
GOD Bless You Always...Tawana Adams Post Office Supervisor and Crew



Tawana Adams - April 13, 2025 at 07:22 AM

DG

“ My condolences to the Family of Mrs Little. She was a very soft spoken, sweet woman and a friend of my Aunt, Vera Adams-Cooper. I attended Armstrong High school with her daughter!! AHS'70.. Dolores Adams-Golden



Dolores Adams- Golden - April 13, 2025 at 02:14 AM

PD

“ Pearl DeBerry lit a candle in memory of Sallye Hughes Little



Pearl DeBerry - April 11, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DL

“ To the family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of Ms.Sally. She had such a beautiful smile and spirit. I met her over sixty years ago when the Little's lived a few doors down on Peter Paul Blvd. Thank you, Ms.Sally, for always being kind to me the many times I was at your home playing with Janet. I pray that God will give you all peace and comfort during this most difficult time. Rest in heavenly peace, you have earned your wings. 🙏



Donna Smith Love - April 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM

ER

“ Earnest and Adrian Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sallye Hughes Little.

Earnest and Adrian Robinson - April 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

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“ Earnest and Adrian Robinson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sallye Hughes Little.



Earnest and Adrian Robinson - April 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

LM

“ Lolita S Moses lit a candle in memory of Sallye Hughes Little



Lolita S Moses - April 11, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JP

“ My Aunt Anna was the joy of my life she was the best aunt ever she was so much fun and we always sang together the angel in Heaven are rejoicing cause she made it home rest in peace Aunt Anna

Joanne Petty - April 11, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DE

Hello this is from Dee and Henry we send our condolences to Sandra and the family...I met your mom years ago and she was such a lovely lady her smile was so warm her spirit was so gentle...rest Ms.sally we love y'all Sandra and Janet

Dee - April 11, 2025 at 08:44 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 - April 10, 2025 at 05:19 PM



I remember the 3rd weekend in August when the entire Little family came to Pee Dee and we all attended service at Womble Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Mrs. Sallie was a quiet but friendly lady. We miss those days in Pee Dee, NC. Praying for her family
Winnie Brown Holt

Winnie Brown Holt - April 11, 2025 at 05:27 PM