



Sandra Betts Nickens

August 4, 1946 - July 5, 2014

Obituary for Sandra Betts Nickens

Born on August 4, 1946 Sandra, officially known as “Doonie”, departed this life of Saturday, July 5, 2014. Sandra was preceded in death by her mother Virginia Morgan, father Rudolph Betts, grandparents Dora and Earlie Nelson by whom she was raised and her only child John Carroll Nickens, Jr.

Reared in Danville, VA she attended public school there graduating from John M. Langston High School in 1962. She came to know Christ through her worship experiences at Shiloh Baptist Church and was baptized an early age. She was active in youth activities serving in the choir and as an usher.

She continued her education at Virginia State University and eventually secured employment with the U.S. government at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. She enjoyed a long career holding several positions over the years and eventually retired in 1992.

Her home life focus on the care and nurturing of John Jr. Outside of work she enjoyed interior decorating and was given to unique artistic expressions dabbling in several crafts and graphic arts over the years. After living in Florida for several years of her retirement she relocated to Richmond where she had lived at a senior residence for almost 10 years. She enjoyed the independence and the sense of community that her lifestyle afforded despite

some health concerns. She loved the shopping outing and celebrating holidays and special events were family.

Sandra will be remembered for her spontaneous laughter, generous spirit and love of written communications. She would literally give you the shoes off her feet or the purse on her shoulder if you gave any indication that you like that. She shared her gift of letter writing for many over the years. There was nothing like a letter from Doonie!

Love to cherish her memory are her devoted aunt, Mary N. Spencer; aunts, Cleopatra Nelson and Dr. Delores Betts Stephens; attentive first cousins, Cynthia Hampton(Carthel), Donna Venable(Les), Michele Spencer, and Harold Bigelow. Additional first cousins include, Wiladene Keen, Prentice Nelson, Marguerite Holliness Lee and Nadine Betts, Jean Holliness, Ricky Thompson, Sharon Betts Houston, Edgar Dews, Chandra Stephens- Albright and Charlita Stephens- Walker; devoted friends Shirley Thomas and Sharon Green, and a host of other friends neighbors and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra Betts Nickens*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *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 about 5yrs 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 dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - July 21, 2014 at 05:34 PM



“ *Mia Via lit a candle in memory of Sandra Betts Nickens*



Mia Via - July 15, 2014 at 02:05 AM



“ *I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you John 14:18.holding the family in prayer. Loving memories Mary Etta White-Brown daughter of the late Juanita White of Danville VA*



mary brown - July 13, 2014 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Sandra and I grew-up together n Danville, Va. I lost contact with her after the edeath of her son but she was always a part of my thoughts. My condolenses to the family.*

Dee Warner-Reed



Dee Warner - July 13, 2014 at 09:42 AM

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“ July 9, 2014

*John M. Langston High School
Class of 1964*

To The Family of Sandra Betts Nickens

As our earthly bodies hurt for the passing of a dear classmate and friend

Sandra Betts Nickens, our spiritual souls are rejoicing in the fact that our dear sister in Christ has transitioned over into the bosom of Abraham, the promises of eternal rest that God our Father has promised to all that believes in His Son Jesus Christ and lives for Him and Him only. I Corinthians chapter 15 let's us know that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, that we have to put off this corruptible and put on incorruption, put off mortality and put on immortality.

Sandra cannot come back to us but we can go to where she is if we stay "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" for as much as ye know our labor is not in vain in the Lord." Death cannot take our memories and without a doubt Sandra will be missed by her family, and friends. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding be yours today and forevermore. Remain blessed in the Lord and remember you are not alone as long as Jesus is by your side.

The John M. Langston Class of 1964 extends sincere condolences to the family at this challenging time and we shall keep you in a circle of prayer and love.

J. M. Langston H. S. Class of '64 - July 09, 2014 at 08:27 AM

YA

Sandra was a dear friend, although we were not in touch, I have missed the closeness we once shared.

Yvonne

yvonne ashcraft - July 11, 2014 at 09:50 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 - July 08, 2014 at 05:39 PM