



Stephanie Marie Cosby

August 3, 1969 - October 16, 2020

Celebration of Life

Stephanie Marie Smith Cosby was born to her parents Mary Ann Banks and Richard Carter Smith on August 3, 1969 in Richmond, Virginia. On October 16, 2020, the gates of heaven opened as the Celestial Choir echoed "Hallelujah", welcoming Stephanie to her eternal home where she was welcomed by her parents, Mary and Richard Smith, her grandparents, James and Elizabeth Banks, and her aunts, Theresa Cunningham and Daisy Morgan.

Stephanie grew up in a devout Catholic family where she attended Holy Rosary Catholic Church. At the age of four she was enrolled in the Holy Rosary Child Care Center. In 1974, her class was the first class to graduate from the new Holy Rosary Child Care Center under the direction of Sister Gilda. It was during her formative years she received the Sacrament of Initiation and participated in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

She was a product of Richmond Public Schools and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1987. It was during her high school years Stephanie's mother became ill and many responsibilities shifted to her. It was because of her spirit of caring she was able to lovingly care for her mother and her two siblings with courage and honor. After graduating from high school Stephanie attended J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College.

As a young adult Stephanie served as the assistant choir director of the children's choir under the auspices of Dr. Edward Foster. She was a steadfast member of the Christian Unity Choir under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Robinson, Jr. One of her favorite songs was, "Give Me A Clean Heart" a song she often led. Over the course of her life she was confronted with ill health which limited her attendance at Church. Stephanie had a willing spirit and love for the Lord and whenever she was able to attend Mass she made sure her voice was used to sing and praise the Lord. God blessed her with many talents for which she was always willing to share. Stephanie participated in the Passion Play for many years performing as a follower of Jesus. She also served as the make-up and costume artist in the Passion Play.

On August 31, 2002, Stephanie and David were married at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Although the doctor suggested they not have children, she believed she could have a healthy baby. On September 16, 2004, God answered their prayers, and Devon L. Cosby a healthy baby boy was God's gift to them.

Stephanie worked at St. Mary's Bon Secours Hospital for more than 27 years in the Medical Records department, where she continued to let her light shine as she went about praying and ministering to all she encountered.

"Stephie", as she was fondly called, had many strengths, talents, and gifts, one of her special gifts was the gift of caring for others and her willingness to put others before herself. For over twenty-five years Stephanie had been in and out of The Medical College of Virginia Hospital where she met many doctors, nurses, patients, and medical students, but for her when others offered to pray for her, her answer would be, "let me pray for you". Father David Stanfill, retired pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, often reflected on how Stephanie would pray for him before he could pray for her. She was

known as the "Reversal Prayer Warrior".

Stephanie enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family in Virginia Beach and Myrtle Beach. Not only did she enjoy the fresh air and the sand, she enjoyed making the best 'angel eggs' for family and friends for various outings. She always wanted her family and friends to know how much she loved them by celebrating them with a card or a special little gift. That was her way of saying "I love you"!

Stephanie leaves a legacy of generosity to all those who cared for her especially, Dr. Daniel C. Grinnan, Pulmonologist MCV, Dr. Amanda George, Internal Medicine MCV, Alice B. Robinson, L.P.N, Norman Ocampo, nurse, all of 10 West and 10 Central, Hospital Staff, and all those who entered her room to offer her care or just to say a word of encouragement. Her family thanks you for your love, care, and concern.

Leaving to remember and cherish her memory forever, her loving and attentive husband, David L. Cosby, her son, a gift from God, Devin L. Cosby; two loving and devoted sisters, Denise M. Smith and Sylvia S. Mayo (Curtis), Richmond, Virginia; one brother, Jamaal C. Smith, Richmond, Virginia; many in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

To God Be the Glory for all that He has done!

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Stephanie Marie Cosby, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - October 23, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Stephanie Marie Cosby*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I worked with Ms Cosby for many years both in the hospital and at her home. She had an amazing fighting spirit. She loved her family and was an advocate for PH. May you find comfort in her memory and the knowledge that she helped so many along her journey. May she find eternal peace and rest.*

*Sincerely
Laura Savage RN*

Laura Savage - October 26, 2020 at 03:13 PM


Priscilla
Wiggins

“ *It was nice meeting you while you was at the hospital. You prayed over me and I appreciate you. You will definitely be missed.*



Priscilla Wiggins - October 23, 2020 at 11:28 AM

BY

“ *Beatrice Young lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Marie Cosby*



Beatrice Young - October 23, 2020 at 10:26 AM

BY

Our "Peaceful warrior" who blessed and inspired so many, including me. 💜💜

Beatrice Young - October 23, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CB

“ *My friend my family sending prayers of comfort to your family...I will miss your warm bubby personality and angel you are...*

Cecelia BURRELL - October 22, 2020 at 01:14 PM

PB

“ My condolences to the family. Sending love, missed hugs from ms. stephanie, and prayers. I will miss you dearly. Your smile could light up a room. I will miss our conversations. Love you always....



Renee Bolden (lisa's house of beauty)

Patricia Renee Bolden - October 22, 2020 at 06:06 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to David and Devon and my prayers goes up for you and all the family and friends. Stephanie smile always shine so bright whenever we did cross paths. May she continues to shine brightly with the Lord...Rest in Paradise, Stephanie 🙏

LaTonya Washington - October 21, 2020 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ Jewel Wright lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Marie Cosby



Jewel Wright - October 21, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JW

I did not know Stephanie personally, but her sister, Sylvia Mayo, is a co-worker and friend. If Stephanie demeanor was anything like her sister's, I know that she was a dear friend to all who met her. Sylvia may you and your family continue to share precious memories of Stephanie and she'll always be in your heart and never forgotten. Be blessed!

Jewel Wright - October 21, 2020 at 09:02 AM

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“ *She had such a positive attitude. Whenever I talked with her at VCU she always had positive attitude. May her memories be of peace to her who cherished her.*

Nicole G. (class of 87) - October 20, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephanie Marie Cosby.*



October 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM

 Angela Jefferson

“ *Stephanie!*

So positive, so faithful, so determined, so inspiring! She also had a smile on her face, no matter what she was going through. She was our classmate and will be remembered fondly by all who knew her growing up. Rest well, our sister!

*The John F. Kennedy High School
Class of 1987
Angela Jefferson, Reunion Coordinator*

Angela Jefferson - October 20, 2020 at 05:38 PM

RW

“ *Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of the the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Rev. Jay Wagner - October 20, 2020 at 01:31 PM



JM

“ *The Nurses on ACC4 at VCU Health send our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Miss Cosby. She is a testament to what faith, determination and medicine can accomplish. No matter how bad she felt she always had a smile and a hug for you. It was a pleasure to have played a part in caring for this beautiful lady and I pray for solace and peace for her family. She fought valiantly for her life and I pray she is resting peacefully in the arms of GOD. RIP Warrior Cosby! Joan McDonnough, MSN, RN, RRT.*

Joan McDonnough - October 20, 2020 at 11:02 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 - October 19, 2020 at 11:56 AM