



Vanessa Elizabeth Upshaw

June 9, 1952 - December 6, 2013

On Friday, December 6, 2013 our beloved quietly went home to be with the Lord. Vanessa Elizabeth Upshaw, the loving daughter of James W. Lurry Sr. and the late Ellen Roberts Lurry. She is preceded in death by her grandson Samuel Clark III.

She was educated in the Richmond Public School system and graduated from Maggie Walker High School in 1971, the last graduating class. She also attended training school to be an executive secretary. She joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church at an early age and later transferred her membership to Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Vanessa was employed by Sheltering Arms in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Division as a patient unit secretary for the last 28 years. She enjoyed traveling with her life partner George and spending time with her loving grandchildren. Vanessa was a great provider for her family. She raised four children with care and devotion. She was a very inspiration woman of God and was a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her four children, Darryle Lurry (Ardrina), Adria Savannah, James Upshaw Jr. and Anitra Julien (Tulloch); 11 grandchildren, LaKeshia Lee, Eric Williams, Cedric Williams, Alexis Baker, Dominique Baker, Derek Savannah, Chrishawn McQueen, Ayanna Julien, Iris Jackson, Ausahn Coles

and Nia Upshaw; her devoted lifetime partner, George Lantz; 2 sisters, Vera L. Harris (Robert) and Elisa L. Lurry (Randy); 1 brother, James W. Lurry Jr (Tanji); 3 aunts, Margaret L. Aaron (Paul), Mary L. Page and Alma Roberts; 3 uncles, Percelle C. Lurry, Clarence R. Lurry and John L. Lurry Sr. (Queen); 3 nieces, Nakita R. Lurry and Brittany E. Harris and Courtney E. Lurry; 2 nephews, James W. Lurry III and Zachary C. Lurry; inspirational friend, Rev. Dr. Gloria Flowers who was a great mentor; loving and devoted friends, Wanda, Tree, Stephanie, Susan of Sheltering Arms, Doris and Maxine; a host of cousins, other relatives and loving friends.

Our beloved you're with us in the still of the night.
And even though you have had your call,
You will always be here with us all.
And as we go on without you in this place
We will forever remember your smiling face.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

DEC 14. 1:30 PM (ET)

Life Church
8378 Atlee Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Tribute Wall



“ *Vanessa Elizabeth Upshaw*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *You are forever missed. I need you like I never needed you before.
OHANA forever*

Anitra L Julien - February 15, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *I Miss u Grandma so Much & I have never Forgotten you, you were
a beautiful & Loveable Women & I Miss U we had a great time
together*

R.I.P GRANDMA BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

FROM: Iris, Chrishawn, Nia

Iris - September 11, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *I was awfully sorry to Hear of Vanessa's passing. I am sending
condolences to the Upshaw and Lurry families. I will continue to
Pray for your Strength. May God Bless and Keep you in His Loving
Care!*

Janice Williams

Janice Williams - December 28, 2013 at 08:44 PM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - December 23, 2013 at 02:50 PM

RW

“ Truly a sad time. My condolences to the Upshaw family, In this time, of your loss, May our Heavenly Father Jehovah God comfort you. It's very hard when you lose someone very dear and close. I am deeply sorry to hear about your loss. May you draw ever closer to our Heavenly Father Jehovah God in this grievous time. Your love ones ARE asleep. As God's Word the Bible speaks of a time when you will and can see your love ones again. Forever on a Paradise Earth! My condolences goes out to you and your family. may you all continue to have peace and blessings, my deepest sympathy. Jas.4:8, 2Thess.2:16,17, Psm.34:18

R. Wms. - December 14, 2013 at 11:06 AM

MS

“ 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 4yrs 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 - December 14, 2013 at 11:04 AM

BR

“ Auntie this definitely a hard and sad time time for your family and friends right now we miss you dearly and wish you was still here I know your in a better place and your at peace but i'm going to miss u fixing the worlds best mac and cheese and corn pudding :) Lord knows we wasn't ready for u to go but death is the only thing promised in life. I love you Nessy Pooh . REST IN PEACE Auntie!!!!!!!

Brittany , Vera , & Robert - December 13, 2013 at 09:49 AM

VP

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one. It was a pleasure knowing Vanessa.

Harvey and Ginny Pierce

Virginia "Ginny" Pierce - December 13, 2013 at 09:27 AM

SB

“ It was indeed a pleasure to have met and worked with you Miss Vanessa. I will always remember the times we laughed and I will miss hearing your cheerful voice.

Take your rest.

Shonta' Banks

Shonta Banks - December 13, 2013 at 12:35 AM

AP

“ WE WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE HAPPY TIMES AND SPECIAL MEMORIES.
TAKE YOUR REST UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.
COUSINS - ALMA, SARAH, MARY, & LISA

A Pierce - December 12, 2013 at 05:52 PM

AP

“ VANESSA WAS A VERY SPECIAL NIECE WHO I WILL MISS DEARLY.
YOUR VISITS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AND CHERISED.
AUNT TENNIE (ALMA)

A Pierce - December 12, 2013 at 05:49 PM

MI

“ Cousins for life. I see you when I get there

Micheal

Micheal - December 11, 2013 at 01:20 PM

HL

“ You will be missed dearly!!!! You were the best step mother. Thanks for taking care of my father. Can not believe that you are gone. You were a sweet and generous person. Glad to had you in my life for 18 years.

Helen M. Lantz

Helen M. Lantz - December 10, 2013 at 05:26 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 - December 10, 2013 at 12:50 PM