



Velinda Cook

February 3, 1952 - January 5, 2024

VELINDA COOK was born on 3 February 1952 in Lancaster, South Carolina to the late Edward Cook and Flora Baker. She departed this life on 5 January 2024 after a lengthy fight with diabetes.

It would be wrong to say that Velinda lost her battle because she never stopped fighting. No matter how sick she was, she was always determined, a real survivor in every sense of the word. When others would have broken, Velinda stayed strong, defying the odds at every turn. There was no quit in her, and that “no quit” mentality lives on in all of her children. Through her, we know what resilience and perseverance truly looks like, and for that we will be forever in her debt.

A master of the art and science of nursing, she was highly respected for her skill and was universally sought after throughout the city. She is remembered by all as one of the highest caliber health professionals in the industry, providing her unsurpassed skill to globally renown facilities such as Johns Hopkins and University of Maryland Medical Systems. Upon her retirement from nursing, she spent her later years enjoying life at all levels, reading, writing, loving on her grandkids and demonstrating that she had a “green thumb” to be admired; a skill that she passed on to several of her children. Velinda will missed by so many.

Velinda is predeceased by her brothers James and Thomas Cook and is survived by her brothers Charles Cook (Sheila) and John Paul Harris, as well as her sister Floretta Crudup. She proudly leaves to cherish her memory 6 children, Robert White, Adam Pinkney (Jamie), Isaiah Carter, Velinda Taylor (Eugene), Yvette Carter, and Shannon Dickerson. She also leaves for the world to treasure 10 grandchildren, Autumn, Robert, Kahlil, Antoine, Javon, Kyle, Londyn, Nicolette, Xaviar and Amina; a host of nieces of nephews, and a number of adopted children, grandchildren and friends along the way.

Cemetery Details

Private

Hammond, LA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *I'm pleased to say Velinda was my classmate at Helene Fuld School of Nursing at Provident Hospital. We graduated in 1973. Never will forget her taking me to her home during that time. We shared much laughter as we were taught our lifelong skills in nursing.
Her smile will always be in my memory .
May Jesus Christ be your inspiration and comfort. Sincerely Joyce Hamlin*

Joyce Hamlin - January 30, 2025 at 03:00 PM

VT

“ *Velinda Cook Sunrise 2/3/1952 Sunset 1/5/2024*

Daughter of Flora and Edward Cook. Sister of Floretta Cook, James Cook, Thomas Cook, Charles Cook and John Paul Harris. Mother of Robert White, Adam Pinkney, Isaiah Carter, Velinda Laster-Taylor, Yvette Carter and Shannon Dickerson. Grandmother & Great Grandmother.

Dunbar High School alumni. Baltimore City Community College alumini. Coppin State alumni. Registered Nurse for 25 years until her health forced her to retire. An avid book lover. An author. She could fry up the best chicken you ever had! She deserved the last name Cook because she was great in the kitchen.

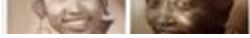
My mother had her flaws but she also had her blessings. Her smile was memorizing. Her beauty intoxicating. She was always the life of the party. She was a good prankster. There wasn't a baby she didn't love. There wasn't a book she wouldn't read. There wasn't a song she couldn't sing. There wasn't a party she couldn't liven up. Her blackness was undeniable and her pride in our people was strong. Her sweet side was the sweetest!

Prince and Patti Labelle were her 2 favorite artist of all time. She would sing Somebody Loves You to me and my siblings often. She loved her family. She loved books. She loved music. I thank her for my love of these things bc she introduced me to so much of what I love today.

Rest in peace Mommy. You did you're best. I forgave you long ago. You deserved better than what you lived through and I hope your next life is better to you than this one was.

*Love Always,
Lil Vee*





Velinda Taylor - January 11, 2024 at 07:54 AM

KG

Beautiful

Kisha Griffin - January 11, 2024 at 08:10 AM

EH

*My memories of Velinda was her smile and laughter, we attended The Helene Fuld School of Nursing of Provident Hospital in Baltimore MD. I'm very sorry that we didn't learn of her passing until this year. My condolences are to her family.
Elinor Hardrick Class 1973*

Elinor Hardrick - February 01, 2025 at 07:48 AM

JJ

*Velinda was my roommate @ St E's in DC, where we did our Psychology training. We had a ball together on campus We laughed,cranked the girls from St Agnes (Philly) that trained while er were there.
My condolences to family and friends. Judith Cooper*

Judith Jennings - February 08, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Velinda Annette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Velinda Cook*



Velinda Annette Taylor - January 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

VT

Rest in peace Mommy. I love you.- Lil Velinda

Velinda Annette Taylor - January 10, 2024 at 11:55 AM

AM

“ Mrs Beannie, Mr Terry & Family send our deepest sympathy to Shannon & family.

Audrey McNeil - January 07, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Velinda Cook.



January 07, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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“ The MissionSquare Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velinda Cook.

The MissionSquare Team - January 07, 2024 at 08:18 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 - January 06, 2024 at 02:45 PM