



Viola Brydie

September 26, 1926 - March 8, 2008

Born to James Andrew and Elizabeth Diggs Baysmore in Portsmouth, VA on September 26, 1926, Viola was the 8th of 10 children. Her siblings were four brothers: James Thomas, Jesse Lee, Leslie, and Willie Andrew, and five sisters: Hellen, Adeline, Priscilla, Luevenia, and Martha. They were a very close family who loved and supported one another. She was baptized at an early age and was a faithful member of Fourth Baptist Church in Portsmouth. Viola attended I.C. Norcom High School graduating in 1944 and from there went on to Virginia State University where she graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Education in 1948. Upon graduation, she moved to Kenbridge, VA. to take a teaching assignment at Unity School. Sometime after moving she joined St. Matthews Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death. While in Kenbridge she met William Cecil Brydie and on December 23, 1951 they were married. Together they reared five children: Janis, Debra, Linda, William "Bill" Jr., and Dimitri "T.K." Her career as an educator spanned over 37 years in the Lunenburg County School System. Though a strict and firm disciplinarian in the classroom as well as at home, she was loved by all of her students—even those who weren't in her class. Viola was a woman with a beautiful soul and a kind heart, who lived to give of herself and to love those around her. She leaves behind three sisters: Adeline Wilkins and Priscilla Brown both of Portsmouth, VA, and Martha Baysmore of Philadelphia, PA; her five children: Janis Brydie of Kenbridge, VA, Debra Miller and Linda Brydie of Richmond, VA, William "Bill" Brydie, Jr. of Kenbridge, VA, and Dimitri "T.K." Brydie

of Richmond, VA;nine

grandchildren:Jason,Kibibi,Sharmaine,Jessica,William"Tre"III.Mya,Nikia,Sage, Nicholas;and one great-grandchild:Angel. She also leaves behind two sister-in-laws:Georgia Seay and Nannie Brydie both of Philadelphia,PA,and one brother-in-law:Samuel L. Brown,Sr. of Portsmouth,VA. and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be missed dearly and her memory will be cherished by all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola Brydie*

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“ *I am sorry to learn about the death of Viola. I'm sure that this must have been a difficult time for your family. I am forwarding scripture that will comfort all of you. Psalm 90:10 says that the usual human life span is 70 or 80 years. This was true when Moses wrote it, but not so from the beginning. (compare Genesis 5:3-32.) Hebrews 9:27 says It is reserved for men to die once for all time. This, too, was true when it was written but not the case before God passed judgment on sinful Adam.##imported-begin##JT Nunnally##imported-end##*

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“ *We hope that you know that our hearts are sad at this hour. We had great love and respect for your mother. She was a strong woman who touched many lives in Lunenburg County. Her memory will last on in our hearts. May you be comforted to know that God blessed you with her life and granted us the wonderful opportunity to know and spend precious moments in her life. We are always here for you.##imported-begin##The Watkins Family##imported-end##*

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“ Linda, From all that you told me I understand your mother suffered some time from a long illness. I pray she has now found peace. She left a beautiful legacy in her children and grandchildren and her memory will live on. I never had the pleasure of meeting you mother, but knowing what a wonderful person you are, she had to be a very special lady. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family, that with time, your pain of loss will be replaced with special and fond memories of such a special lady. God bless you all, Taina.##imported-begin##Taina##imported-end##

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“ Linda, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Love Allene##imported-begin##Allene Denise (May) Atkinson##imported-end##

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“ Linda, on behalf of the National Black MBA Association - Richmond Chapter, I would like to express heart felt condolences. The chapter will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during your time of loss. Cordially, Marc Chambers (Chapter President)##imported-begin##NBMBAA Richmond##imported-end##

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“ To the family. I would like to express my deepest condolences for your loss. May you find comfort in the words recored at Revelation the 21st chapter, verse 4. It says the "God will wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be nomore, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things will have passed away." Imagine that! Any reason for mourning or outcry or pain will have passed away; including death. How comforting to know that that is what the True God has in store for us.##imported-begin##Sausha S.##imported-end##

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“ It is so heard to let someone go who means so much to so many people.May her memories warm your heart every time you are feeling her loss.Praying for you doing this difficult time and extending heartfelt sympathy. With Deepest Sympathy, Delbora,of Kenbridge##imported-begin##Delbora H. Jones##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May your family find much comfort and the strength to carry on as you await the promised day of the ressurection. Acts 24:15 speaks about this letting us know that there will be a ressurection to life for those who have died. One day there will be no more sickness, sorrow, or death, and all obedient mankind will be able to live in true peace and security. What a joy it will be to see our loved ones come to life again. May the promises from Jehovah God of life eternal be a comfort to you at this time."##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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