



Willie Mae Yancey

September 12, 1929 - December 2, 2015

Obituary–

A precious one from us is gone
voice we loved is still
A place is vacant in our hearts that never can be filled.

Willie Mae Yancey, 86, one of God's finest creations, was called home to the pearly gates of heaven December 2, 2015. She was born September 12, 1929, in Sumter, South Carolina to the late Jim Winningham and Catherine Davis.

Her parents moved to Richmond, Virginia when Willie Mae was a young child. She received her education from the Richmond Public School System, where she graduated from high school.

Willie Mae married her belated Thurman Simmons, Sr. on May 20, 1948. From their union, they were blessed with five children. Later, she met Robert Yancey, her second husband and they sealed their union of matrimony September 12, 1969.

Willie Mae worshipped her Lord and Saviour under the leadership of Rev. Alvin Armstead at First Union Baptist Church where she received her spiritual guidance.

“Bopep”, as she was affectionately called, was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who extended love and compassion to everyone she met. She went out of her way to ensure others had the opportunity to love life as much as she did. Whether through words of encouragement, acts of kindness or thoughtful prayers, Willie Mae had a genuine concern for everyone. No one was ever a stranger to her because she had love for all mankind. She was a hard working provider for her family and an excellent cook whose specialty was hot rolls. After many years working in the Dietary Department being a dedicated employee, she retired from St. Mary’s Hospital.

Willie Mae is preceded in death by sons, Thurman Jr. and Boris Simmons; and sisters Julia and Helen Williams. She leaves to treasure her memory two caring daughters, Joyce Crenshaw and Marion Greene; son, Alonzo Simmons; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sister, Isabelle McGill; and a host of other relatives and loving friends.

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”

Psalm 30:5

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Mae Yancey*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *MY DEAREST FRIEND, WORK MOM, I MISS YOU SO MUCH. I MISS WHEN YOU KICKED THAT LEG UP, GAVE ADVICE AND PRAYED FOR ME. MAY YOU SLEEP IN PEACE. WISHING YOU A PEACEFUL JOURNEY. XOXOXOXO MUCH LOVE! My condolences and prayers for your family. Roberta Macklin Dominion Place security.*

Roberta Macklin - December 05, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may GOD give you comfort in your time of need. 2Corinthians I :3,4.*

Carolyn - December 05, 2015 at 06:27 AM



“ *Marion, Please accept my sympathy for the loss your family has had. A Mother can never be replaced as the center of your family. I know you will all honor her best hopes for coming together in such a sad time. Your Friend Always, Mona*



Mona Maddox - December 04, 2015 at 07:43 PM

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“ My heart was very sadden to hear of the homegoing of Ms. Willie Mae. I shall always remember her here at Dominion Place on Sunday Morning waiting go to church kicking up her legs. But she was always a Happy Go lucky Person. She is well missed and will be well missed now that God has called her home to be with Him. so to the family.may God bless and keep each and everyone of you. The Dominion Place Family and Friends

Helen Jones - December 04, 2015 at 02:40 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 03, 2015 at 01:03 PM