



Zenola Timberlake Stevens

June 23, 1956 - May 25, 2011

Zenola Madena Timberlake Stevens “Zee Zee” formally of Richmond (Henrico County) Virginia, joined our heavenly Father on May 25, 2011.

Zenola was born June 23, 1956 to Emma Morris Timberlake and the late Samuel R. Timberlake in Richmond, Virginia. At an early age, Zenola accepted Christ at Zion Travelers Baptist Church in Louisa County, Virginia.

As an adolescent Zenola always sought for more knowledge. While attending John F Kennedy High School, she was a member of the Student Council from 1973-1974 and a member of the National Honor Society. Zenola graduated with honors and received awards from The Society of Outstanding American High School Students and a certificate of Honor in Foreign Languages. Zenola furthered her education at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College where she obtained her Associates in Science Degree with the ranking of Magna Cum Laude in 1976. While working diligently through college, she volunteered as a tutor at R-Cap in 1977. Later on in 1977, she became a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Virginia Commonwealth University. In 1978, she majored in Elementary Education and became a student teacher at Laburnum Elementary School. While there, she acquired a membership with the Student National Education Association, and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelors in Science. After

graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University and with a love for teaching, she became a dedicated employee with Henrico County Public School for 33 years. She received Teacher of the Year for Henrico County Public School and the State of Virginia. In 2001, she joined St. John's Baptist Church. As a member, she was the president of the Beautification Ministry, a member of the L.B. Kizzie Choir, and expressed her talents through drama and narrating in church activities. In 2009, she decided to further her education and return to Virginia Commonwealth University, where she was studying for her Masters in Educational Technology.

Her life's enjoyments were gardening, sewing, teaching, cooking, shopping, and family time. She was a fun loving person with a bubbly attitude that put her own personal markings in everyone's heart. She will always be remembered for the wonderful smile she always greeted everyone with along with a warming hug. Full of life, there was never a dull moment with her sense of humor and joyous laughter. She will also be remembered for her love of fashion, purses, jewelry, shoes and most of all her hats.

She is preceded in death by her father Samuel R. Timberlake and sister Cynthia T. Booker. She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving and devoted mother, Emma T. Washington; one devoted sister, Crystal W. Nicholson; five step-brothers, Samuel "Scrappy" Claiborne, Alexander Claiborne (Edna), (Maurice Washington (Claire) of NC, Alonzo Washington, Frank Oliver (TX); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends.

...and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Baptist Church
4317 North Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Zenola Timberlake Stevens*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I didn't know her, but she certainly had a beautiful smile, and I'm sure a beautiful personality to go along with it. I read the comments about her, and I know she was well-loved by many. It really hurts when we love a loved one; especially someone so special. Every life is precious in God's eyes, and he hates the death of his servants. This is why he promises: As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing." One day Jehovah promises that the dead will come to life. He has granted his Son authority to resurrect the dead. Jesus himself said: I am the resurrection and the life. He who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." May you take comfort in this wonderful promise. 1st Cor 15:26, John 11:25*

Rita Johnson - June 27, 2011 at 06:38 PM



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Linda McCullough - June 05, 2011 at 10:56 AM



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LM

“ I will always remember the times we shared: laughing in the yard, chatting on the phone, and teaching summer school. Frequently, I share the story about "the snake". The story is funny now, but it wasn't funny then. I can still hear you yelling, "Snake!", leaving me alone to tackle, what I thought was, a gigantic snake. As I arrived at the end of the driveway with my tool of destruction, a shovel, I found a baby snake less than 2 inches wide and 6 inches long. As the poor snake met his demise, and wiggled headlessly, you screamed and ran home!



Many times we brought neighborhood cars to a sudden stop as we chatted from our cars at the stop sign, on our way to work. There were countless times I would call you from my cell phone, as I rushed to work, asking to you check to see if I had left my garage door up.

Though cats were not on your list of favorites, I could always depend on you to check on my three house cats and get my mail when I was out of town. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

I will miss you, my neighbor...my cousin...my confidant..my dear friend.

May you rest in peace and receive to glory of God's grace.

Linda McCullough and the Cats
Anthony, Eartha Kitty and Sammy Davis, Jr.

Linda A. McCullough - June 05, 2011 at 10:40 AM

CF

“ Miss Z! We will always miss you! We been neighbors for a while now and we will most certainly miss you. God has called you home and we have been blessed by your love. Like the old hymn says "Save a Seat for Me". May God keep your family during this time.

The Fuller Family. (next door neighbors)

Clifton Fuller - June 01, 2011 at 08:16 AM

HW

“ Zee was a joy and a wonderful person who will be missed by many. She touched the life of every one she knew in some way. I feel blessed that I could call her friend. We taught at Wilder together-right across the hall- and never a day went by that she did not make us feel special. I love you Zee and will truly miss your presence in my life. Go with God for you are truly blessed.

Heidi Altizer Willis



Heidi Altizer Willis - May 31, 2011 at 09:42 PM

TW

“ I know you don't know me, but I saw Zenola's obituary; I wanted to send you my condolences.

As humans, we grieve over the death of a loved one; that's normal, because we know Jesus gave way to tears (John 11:35) after the death of his close friend Lazarus. He demonstrated what resurrection will mean for mankind; in John 11:11, 14-44, "Jesus said to his disciples, 'Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from sleep.' Luke 23:43 provides us the hope for paradise here on earth, because Jesus stated, "Truly I tell you today, YOU will be with me in Paradise." Jesus statement meant that "All" the earth will be transformed back into a paradise under the rule of Christ as King!

I hope these words serve as encouragement. Remain loyal and keep serving God; you will see Zenola again!

Taren Williams - May 31, 2011 at 08:56 AM

KB

“ As a co-worker I can trully say that she was a woman of strong faith, dedication, laughter, and a giver of one's heart. Your time has come so soon, but I know that you are in God's hands and the carpet has been laid for your royal presence. I will miss you.

Karen Bertrand

Karen Bertrand - May 30, 2011 at 07:04 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis A Brown lit a candle in memory of Zenola Timberlake Stevens*



Phyllis A Brown - May 29, 2011 at 05:28 PM

MJ

“ *(Romans 15:4) For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope.*

I am one of the international Bible Students in the area. I would like to send condolences to the family. There is a God of comfort and you can read your Bible so that he can help you during this time in your life. I hope these scriptures help comfort you.

(John 5:28-29) Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.

Mary Johnson - May 27, 2011 at 04:50 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 - May 27, 2011 at 02:16 PM

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Zenola was in my class at JFK for 4 years. That was in the years of cross town bussing, and I was one of the white kids that came to JFK. She always had a smile and a story every day. It's been so many years, but I remember her talking about her nieces ("the crunches") and her family. We were all a family in the Class of 1974 no matter where we came from or where we ended up. She is gone too soon. I am e-mailing classmates, and who ever sees this, I hope to see you at the funeral home. Miss you Zenola!

Garnett Dunford Hamerman (JFK Class of 1 - May 27, 2011 at 07:36 PM)