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Stanley Staves
Joseph Thompson

Monica Brown
Hazel Edwards
Rhonda Edwards

Flower Bearers

Deborah Hodges
Donise Staves

"Because I Love You So"

*Time will not dim the face I love,
The voice I heard each day,
The many things you did for me,
In your own special way.
All my life I'll miss you,
As the years come and go,
But in my heart I'll keep you,
Because I love you so.
- Love, Sammy*



Message of Gratitude

The family of the late Juanita E. Walker acknowledges the many expressions of love and sympathy extended to us. Your prayers, presence, calls and inspiring cards have lifted our hearts and spirits during this challenging time. Sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to Linder Patterson of Epiphany Assisted Living for the care she gave our loved one. May God be with and continue to bless each of you.

Repast

Following the interment, Ebenezer Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Video

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Celebrating the Life of

*Juanita
Edwards
Walker*

Sunrise: March 1, 1939

Sunset: February 17, 2024

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can
do small things with great love."*

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Thursday, February 29, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

216 W. Leigh Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Minister Joseph L. Coleman, Jr., Officiant
Rev. Brenda B. Summerset, Eulogist

The Legacy of Juanita E. Walker

Juanita Beatrice Edwards Walker was born on March 1, 1939 in Richmond, Virginia. She was the oldest daughter of the late John Henry Edwards and Wilnette Arnold Edwards. She departed this life on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Epiphany Assisted Living.

The Life of Juanita in Her Own Words

“When I went to school, there was no busing. We walked to school near our neighborhood. My first week of school, I cried every day to go home to my mom. I got away with this for one week. The next week my mom said that I had better stay at school or I’d get a whipping. Once I adjusted to school, I enjoyed going. My favorite subjects were reading and arithmetic. Reading is one of my favorite past times even today.

I was baptized at the age of 13. On Sunday we went to Sunday School and Church. We returned to Church at 6 pm for BYPU (Baptist Young Peoples Union), which was a fellowship time as well as a religious training session. If we did not attend Sunday School and/or Church, our parents would not let us go anywhere on Sundays.

We often hear people say “It takes a Village to Raise a Child.” This was especially true when I was growing up. If you misbehaved, anyone in the neighborhood would correct you and, if they told your parents, you would be in trouble again when you got home. Because of this, I think the world was a much better place. You could leave home and did not have to lock your doors. You could trust most people and there was very little crime. I was an adult before I was aware of illegal drugs.

One of my happiest moments was when I graduated from high school. I felt so proud to be marching down the aisle to Pomp and Circumstances. I get a warm feeling when I hear it, even now.

My husband and I dated for two years before we married. We had lots of fun dating. Some other happy times were the birth of my two children, Sanita and Michael, and the births of my grandchildren, Brittany and Trei-Avante. We always enjoy the opportunity to be together as a family.

When I was in high school, I took a course in cosmetology. I worked as a beautician for several years. I also worked as a temporary clerk for the Internal Revenue Service for six years.

I was a stay-at-home mom. I got a full-time job only after my children were school age. I worked at the Travelers Insurance Company for twenty-three years. In the later years, until my retirement in 1992, I was a Customer Service Rep. Ninety-five percent of my day was spent on the phone. I enjoyed talking to people and helping others.

After retirement, I stayed home for about a year and a half. For a portion of this time, I took care of granddaughter, Brittany. Her mother got a new job and moved to Washington. Brittany stayed in Richmond with me and her granddad to finish out the school year. Then she joined her mother in Northern Virginia. We visit very often, since we are just one - and one-half hour drive from each other.

After Brittany joined her mother, I decided to re-enter the workforce on a part-time basis. I worked twenty hours a week at The Metropolitan Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau. We got a lot of calls from persons who would be visiting the area. Some calls were for directions into the city. Some callers wanted to know where the best hotels or restaurants were. Others wanted to know what was going on in the city at a particular time. A lot of questions could be answered on the phone. Other times we may have had to mail out visitor packages. This consisted of a map of the city and a list of hotels and a book that included sights to see and things to do while in the Richmond area. This was an enjoyable and exciting job, most of the time.

I took exercise classes three days a week. I sang in five choirs in my church and served on several committees. Some of my days were so full that I wondered how I had the time to work full-time (smile).

Retirement was not necessarily a life of just rest, relaxation, and leisure. But, it was enjoyable. My husband and I lived a happy, healthy, full life. For this I felt Wonderfully Blessed. Thanks Be To God.”

As you can see from above, Juanita loved working at the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau. She answered questions about her job and herself below.



“Come with Me” – Rhonda Brasswell

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, “Come with me.”

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.

It’s lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren’t the same
Since you went away

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
“Cheer up and carry on.”

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
“Don’t cry, I’m in God’s keeping,
We’ll meet again someday.”

Order of Service

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.
If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

Organ Prelude		Miriam Carter Walton Director of Music/Organist Heywood Harrison / Choral Director
The Processional		Clergy and Family
The Invocation		Minister Joseph L. Coleman, Jr. <i>Ebenezer Baptist Church</i>
The Opening Hymn	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #124 <i>(Martin Luther)</i>	Choir and Congregation
Scripture Reading		Reverend Aria M. Kirkland-Harris
	Old Testament	Job 19:23-27
	New Testament	Philippians 1:21-23
Prayer of Consolation		Deacon Lillian H. Carter
The Anthem of Consolation	“The Lord’s Prayer” <i>(Albert Hay Malotte)</i>	The EBC Ensemble
Reflections from Family and Friends		Mrs. Willie Mae Crump, <i>Friend</i> Ms. Patricia Turner, <i>Niece</i> Mr. Ronald Resper, <i>Son-in-Law</i>
Acknowledgments		Ms. Monica Brown, <i>Niece</i>
The Selection	“It Is Well” <i>(Mack Wilberg)</i>	The EBC Ensemble
The Eulogy		Reverend Brenda B. Summerset <i>Interim Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church</i>
The Benediction		Reverend Brenda B. Summerset
The Choral Amen	“from <i>Total Praise</i> ” <i>(Richard Smallwood)</i>	The EBC Ensemble
The Recessional	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” <i>(J. E. Rankin / W. E. Tomer)</i>	The EBC Ensemble
The Organ Postlude		Miriam Carter Walton

Interment

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