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In Loving Memory of Rachel H. Walters

A Life Well Lived

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, who left this world peacefully on March 15, 2025. Born on June 10, 1945, in Lincolnton, North Carolina, to the parents of Violet Poston McClain and Marshall Logan and her step-father, Herman McClain. Rachel was a beacon of love, compassion, and dedication throughout her life.



Revelation 21:4

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

A Final Farewell

A memorial service to honor Rachel's life will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11:00 am at White's Family Chapel.

A Journey of Love and Dedication

Rachel was a devoted mother, sister and friend, who touched the lives of many with her unwavering kindness and generosity. She was a pillar of strength and a source of inspiration to all who knew her.

From an early age, Rachel exhibited a zest for life and a passion for knowledge. She pursued her education at UNC, Durham in 1963 and she attended Brooklyn College in 1965 where she excelled academically. She later pursued her Bachelor's degree in 1979 and then obtained her advanced degrees in 1997. Her love for learning continued throughout her life, as she constantly sought to expand her horizons and share her wisdom with others.

A Career Marked by Excellence

Rachel's professional journey was marked by dedication and excellence. She began her career at the Salvation Army Day Care Center and the New York Board of Education, where she quickly rose through the ranks due to her hard work and commitment. She retired from the New York Board of Education in 2014. Over the years, she made significant contributions to her field and earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers alike.

In addition to her professional achievements, Rachel volunteered her time and resources to numerous charitable organizations, including the Lioness Club Project and a member of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, always striving to make the world a better place and her selflessness and generosity knew no bounds.

She became one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1990 and enjoyed the fellowship and friendships of her congregation while attending Bible studies and conventions with the Brothers & Sisters.

A Family's Rock

At the heart of Rachel's life was her family. She was a devoted parent and grandparent who cherished every moment spent with her loved ones. Family gatherings were a source of immense joy for Rachel who delighted in creating lasting memories with her daughters and grandchildren. Her love was a guiding light, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to call her family.

Celebrating a Life Well Lived

Rachel's life was a testament to the power of love, kindness, and perseverance. She faced life's challenges with grace and resilience, always emerging stronger and more determined. Her unwavering faith and positive outlook on life were an inspiration to all who knew her.

As we mourn the loss of Rachel, we also celebrate the incredible life she lived. Her legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were touched by her presence.

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Rachel leaves behind a loving family. She was married and divorced twice to Marion Graham and Julian Walters. She has two (2) daughters: Carla Hawkins of Temple Hills, Maryland and Carmen Mims of Lincolnton, NC. Two (2) sisters: Minnie Jeter of Gastonia, NC and Delores Bailey of Lincolnton, NC., and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren: Damean Graham, Davonne Lewis, Dana Beamer, Dametrics Graham, Danyete Mims, Daud Graham, Darcel Mims, Benjamin Hawkins and Isaiah Hawkins. She is now reunited with her predeceased parents and brother in eternal peace.

Though Rachel may no longer be with us, her spirit will forever live on in the cherished memories and the lives she touched. Rest in peace, dear Rachel. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Rachel by sharing your favorite memories and stories.