



Arnice J. White

December 18, 1934 - December 5, 2015

Arnice J. White was born on December 18, 1934 in Ahoskie, North Carolina to Ella Mae (Riddick) and Gurnia Jenkins, Sr.

She lived in Aulander, North Carolina where she grew up on a farm with her aunt and uncle after the unexpected passing of her father. Arnice would quickly tell you she loved school because she didn't want to stay home to work on the farm and it showed in her academic excellence. She later graduated from Robert L. Vann High School as class valedictorian. During her school years, she was known for her melodic voice as a member of the school choir and was equally a skilled basketball player. Following high school, she attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina with a full four-year scholarship in mathematics. She was a college beauty queen and pledged the historically Black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She later moved to Washington, DC where she married and gave birth to two girls Brenda (Raiford) Waters, and Sonya (Raiford) Allen. Eventually, she settled in Portsmouth, Virginia where she remarried and gave birth to her son Sean White.

Arnice had a long and varied career with the U. S. Government. She started as a secretarial administrator and moved to head of the custodial staff, and later retired as an accounting administrator.

Her complementary career was one of the most skilled and talented clothing makers in the area. She learned to sew at an early age and was a master with textiles and fabrics. She sewed for family, friends, and strangers alike and was sought after by many to create some of the most beautiful and flattering frocks ever made. She used her talents working for herself and other tailoring establishments to create items like school band uniforms, pageant dresses, clothing for entertainers, exquisite wedding dresses, and men's suits and home decor. After retirement, she enjoyed watching her favorite television shows and sports, going to the movies, and eating out with friends and family.

While she was dedicated to her career, family, and raising her children, to know her meant to know her true passion was loving people. No one was a stranger and her home and heart was open to many who still today call her mother, like a mother, a second mother, Mama Niece, and many other endearing names of love and respect. Over the years, numerous relatives, friends of her children, and her friends have lived with her when in need. She never turned a needy hand away no matter her own well-being. She understood the virtue of "do unto others as you would have others do unto you", and believed there is always enough to share because God will make a way.

Arnice lived in Chesapeake, Virginia where she resided with her son and leaves behind a host of relatives and loves ones to remember her beauty. God in his unquestionable wisdom called our dear loved one, Arnice J. White home to rest on December 5, 2015. Her parents Ella Mae and Gurnia Jenkins, Sr., her brother Seclephas Jenkins, sister Ella Gertrude, and a daughter Brenda Waters preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter Sonya Allen (Quincy), son Sean White, one grandson Myles Allen, one brother Gurnia Jenkins, Jr. (Mary), two sisters Ella Marie Watson and Clarise Ward, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Carver Memorial Cemetery

2320 East Washington Street
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Arnice J. White*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 10, 2015 at 05:06 PM

SH

“ *Allen family, our prayers are with you during this time. The bond of a mother's love and a grandmother's love is unbreakable. Cherished memories and her words of wisdom will carry on forever in your heart. May you always smile when you think of her. May you always know how blessed she was to have a loving family and you to have her. God favored her! God granted her 80 years and she looked ageless. Be proud! You did good by her and she's now resting in peace waiting for her turn to enter God's kingdom. So smile as she lived and lived a good life with love from you.*

Henry Family

Sutaurus Henry - December 11, 2015 at 09:14 AM

OF

“ Sonya, Quincy and Myles
Let your Mother's light shine. Love ones live forever as long as they are fondly remembered in the hearts and minds of family and friends. God bless.

*Peace and Love,
Al, Katrina and Nialah Owens*

Owens Family - December 11, 2015 at 04:28 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Arnice J. White.*



December 10, 2015 at 07:21 PM

AH

“ *Ms. Arnice (or "Momma Niecy" as I called her) was definitely a special kind of lady. She blessed me with her time, words, kindness, and most of all her love. She embrace me from the very first day I met her and will always hold a special place in my heart. God has truly gained another angel in his army, and I thank him for allowing me to cross paths with her and share certain special moments that will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family for strength and comfort during this time.*



May you rest in peace Momma Niecy. Love you much, Agnes.

Agnes Holmes - December 10, 2015 at 01:30 PM

SC

“ Sherry, Raphael & Coral purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arnice J. White.



Sherry, Raphael & Coral - December 10, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JTF

“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 10, 2015 at 11:27 AM

RF

“ Ruby Scott and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arnice J. White.



Ruby Scott and family - December 10, 2015 at 09:59 AM

KA

“ Sean, Sonya, Quincy and Myles,
May God continue to comfort you during the loss of "Miss Arnice".
While she will be missed dearly, may her memory live on with all of
us. Her generosity and quiet sense of humor touched so many. Your
Rochester family is here for you.

Love,
Bobby, Kathy, Marley, Rory and Sydney Kirven

Kathy - December 10, 2015 at 06:14 AM

JC

“ Arnice and I have been friends for over 25
years. We shared many laughs riding to work
together. She was always ready with kind and
encouraging words. I will surely miss her. My
heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to
Sonya, Quincy, and Myles.

Joyce and Norman Carr

Joyce Carr - December 09, 2015 at 07:28 PM



VG

“ Valerie Garrett lit a candle in memory of
Arnice J. White



Valerie Garrett - December 09, 2015 at 03:40 PM

DE

“ 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sonya, Quincy and Myles our deepest condolences during this difficult time. Love you, Geoff, Deb, Blair and Alexis

Debbie - December 09, 2015 at 01:00 PM

RG

“ *Sonya, Quincy and Myles; The love and support of a mother (Grandma) can never be replaced, but we hope you find some strength, in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. May you find God's presence with you as you journey through the time of grief. Ruth, Rick, Ellie and Andy*

Ruth Garbanzo - December 09, 2015 at 12:49 PM

BG

“ *Mrs. Arnice was a dear friend and neighbor of ours for 22 years. We laughed together, cried together and learned from each other. Our hearts are hurting but we have comfort in the knowledge she is not suffering anymore and is in a much better place. She was a very sweet lady who loved her family dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sean, Sonja, Quincy and Miles. We were so blessed to have known and loved her. Brenda & Marty Gurnik*

Brenda Gurnik - December 07, 2015 at 06:11 PM