



## Celeste Fennell

August 10, 1935 - January 22, 2015

Celeste Adams Fennell, 79, of Baltimore, Maryland was quietly escorted to her new heavenly home by God's Angel on January 22, 2015 at Autumn Care Of Portsmouth, Virginia. She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Boops and Cessie as she was affectionately known by her siblings, had a great love for her family and Jesus Christ. Celeste was the youngest and fourth child born to the late Richard and Cealia Adams on August 10, 1935 in Baltimore Maryland. She was reared in the Sandstown Community and loved by all who knew her. In her youth, Celeste was an active member at the Unity United Methodist Church.

She faithfully attended Sunday School and Church services, which was a must in the Adams Family. Celeste was educated in the Public Schools of Baltimore and graduated from the Frederick Douglas High School in June of 1953. She furthered her education at Morgan State College and received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1957. Soon after Celeste's graduation, she married the love of her life, Reginald Peyton Fennell. To this union two children were born: a daughter, Vanessa (Deceased); and a son, Eric Peyton. Celeste was a stay at home Mom for a number of years, caring for her children. Because of her love of education and to make a better life for her family; she pursued a career in the education field. Celeste became a Certified Special Education and a Reading Resource Specialist in the Baltimore School System. She loved teaching and helping disadvantaged youth. Her career spanned more than thirty years. Upon retirement, she volunteered many

hours tutoring and teaching at the H.O.P.E. Academy. The number of students whose lives she touched is too numerous to count. We can only imagine that they are better citizens for having been a recipient of her soft spoken way of imparting knowledge and wisdom. Some years later, Celeste met and fell in love with Willard "Billie" Williams of Newport News, Virginia. Their love produced a beautiful daughter, Cheryl Lauren. Last year as her health continued to decline, Celeste relocated to Suffolk, Virginia to live with Cheryl, Paul Jr. and the Boys. She loved her grandsons dearly. She always encouraged them to do their best and to make the most of every opportunity. Celeste never stopped teaching and being a terrific role model. Celeste was a member of Huber Memorial Church in Baltimore for more than twenty years. She attended weekly Bible Study and Sunday Worship as long as her health permitted. While living in Virginia she attended Worship Services at The Mount with her daughter and family. In addition to her religious life, she was active in many social clubs as well. She especially enjoyed the Les Gemmes Social, Civic and Savings club; musical concerts (Jazz was one of her favorites), Broadway Plays and Caribbean Cruises. Celeste's other hobbies included reading, attending and watching sports. She was a Number One Fan of the Baltimore Ravens. She was very proud of the fact that she witnessed the Inauguration of the Country's First Black President, Barack Obama. Celeste was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Cealia Adams, and a daughter, Vanessa Fennell. Celeste leaves a legacy of love to her two children: a devoted son, Eric Peyton Fennell (Eydie) of Colton California; and a faithful, loving and caring daughter, Cheryl Lauren Williams Hall (Paul Jr.) of Suffolk, Virginia; a brother, Rev. Dr. Richard T. Adams (Judith) of Randallstown, Maryland; a sister, Rosetta Adams Green (Donald) of Owings Mill, Maryland; three grandsons, Stephan Hutchinson, Timothy Hutchinson and Paul Lawrence Hall, all of Suffolk, Virginia; one aunt, Pensla Corbett of Baltimore, Maryland; two nieces: Joyce Stotts (Flendard) of

Georgia; and Giselle Green of Owings Mill, Maryland; three nephews: Gary Green (Anita) of Dover, Pennsylvania; Ryan Adams (Krystal) of El Paso, Texas; and Jason

Adams of Randallstown, Maryland. Every sunrise is a present, a Gift from God above, wrapped with scarlet ribbons and tied with bows of Love. Each day is a new beginning; a time to start anew. We cannot journey to the future, by wishing on a star. Every sunshine is a Blessing, a gift for just today. Rejoice, Rejoice, Embrace it before it fades away. Mom, we will always Love and Miss You. Eric and Cheryl

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Memorial Gardens

155 Bultler Farm Road  
Hampton, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 30.** 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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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

**JAN 31.** 1:00 PM (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 Celeste Fennell



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - January 30, 2015 at 01:06 PM

GJ

*Breaking my heart to know that this lovely sweet Angel has left us to join the ancestors.  
I'll miss you and keep my love for you forever.*

*Love, one of your many Sons  
Gerald*

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**Gerald Jackson** - February 05, 2015 at 06:25 PM

JB

“ *Thank you for sharing the love of your mother with me as we share the love of our mother with you.....Please accept our deepest condolences; prayers for comfort, strength and peace now and forever more in Jesus' name, amen. The eternal nature of the soul.....*

*Love,  
Jeff Bunn, Sharon Frye, Beverly Tillman and all....*

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**Jeff Bunn** - January 31, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Celeste Fennell.* ”



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January 30, 2015 at 09:34 PM

IF

“ I would like to say a few words about my friend, Celeste. She and I met and became friends in 1969 when we were teaching together. Celeste was a veteran teacher and I was fortunate to be mentored by her. She and I became dear friends as we worked together for over 40 years. Celeste was a hard-working, intelligent, caring and a very thoughtful person. She and I lived a short 5 mins from each other, which allowed she and I to ride together everyday to work for many years. Eric, I can still hear you, in my mind, beating those drums every time I passed Coldspring Lane. Lol. Celeste has always been there when I needed her and I'm going to miss her dearly. She was very close to my family and had a lot of people who cared about her. One of Celeste's best traits was patience. When something happened and I was ready to erupt, she would tell me "Just wait, we'll get them later". Well, I learned to wait.

Whenever I was feeling down and needed a friend to lean on, she was always there for me; especially during the time my mother was very ill. Rick, her brother, prayers were extremely encouraging and helped me to be strong. Celeste and I have been through good times and bad over the years, but no matter where life took us, we knew we could count on each other. More importantly, she taught me how to value friendship and balance a life of family and career. It is impossible to put into words the total importance of our friendship and how much Celeste meant to me. She positively influenced my life in plenty ways and I will miss her with all my heart. Celeste, thank you for your friendship. I will truly miss you forever and never forget all the time we spent together.

To the rest, this is not the time for us to grieve her death, but to celebrate her life. I am certain of two things though, she would have wanted us all to be here together with our happiest thoughts of our times spent together. Secondly, she is still here with us in spirit very strongly. This is what makes her remain with me personally and I'm sure you have your very special and private moments that you will cherish and keep close to your hearts.

-- Your friend, Irene W. Fourquean

Irene W. Fourqurean - January 30, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 30, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Celeste Fennell.



January 30, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ Paul & Carolyn Hall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Celeste Fennell.



Paul & Carolyn Hall - January 29, 2015 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Irene Williams Fourqurean purchased the Divine Grace 50-Bead Rosary for the family of Celeste Fennell.*



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**Irene Williams Fourqurean** - January 29, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *Mrz Jordan lit a candle in memory of Celeste Fennell*



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**Mrz Jordan** - January 24, 2015 at 06:43 AM

JF

“ *Cheryl sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, but remember to be absent from the body it to be present with the Lord.....and he will not put no more on us then we can bear.....love you all much.....if you need anything we are here for you and the rest of the family.....*



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**Jordan Family** - January 22, 2015 at 10:00 PM