



## Constance D. Cross

April 2, 1948 - February 16, 2016

God saw you were getting tired and recovery was not to be, so he put His arms around you and whispered come to me. With tearful eyes we watched as you quietly pass away. Although we love you deeply, we know we could not make you stay. We can now rest in knowing that you have found sweet peace.

Constance Diane Cross, departed this life on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 2, 1948 in Portsmouth, Virginia, to the late Ellis and Delane "Jenkins" Richardson.

Constance (Connie/Diane) as she was affectionately known by others was loved and respected by many and was a mother to many. She was formerly married to the late Cecil R. Cross, Sr., and to this union three sons were born.

She had a gift for working with children so she followed her mother's footsteps and was employed as a teacher with the Karver Kiddie College (a pre-school for daily religious training) under the direction of Rev. Thomas B. Hargrave. In 1975, she and her family joined Community Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. Upon locating to Richmond she was employed in the Richmond Public School System as a teacher's aide.

Her passion and sharp ability to pay attention to details lead her to employment with the Internal Revenue Service in Richmond, Virginia, retiring after 27 years of devoted service.

She is predeceased by her parents, Ellis and Delane Richardson, and two brothers, Wesley Richardson and Rudy A. Richardson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, Cecil R. Cross, Jr., (Martha) of Richmond, VA; Cameron D. Cross (Angela) of Quinton, VA; and Corey D. Cross (Tammy) of Richmond, VA; four grandchildren, Randy Artis of Durham, NC; JeRan Cross, Asia Cross and Corey Ellis Cross all of Richmond, VA; one brother, Lt. Colonel Danny G. Richardson, retired (Rosemary) of Frederick, MD; four sisters, Joyce R. Lang (Clinton) of Hampton, VA;

Joan E. Richardson of Louisville, KY; Raynell Williams-Akram (Khalid) of Chesapeake, VA and Lorri D. Richardson of Portsmouth, VA; sisters-in-laws, Lillian V. Richardson of Gahanna, OH; Carolyn Woodard(Doc), Barbara Mann and Delores Dudley, of Portsmouth, VA; Gloria Jordan(Barry) of Chesapeake, VA; Sylvia Davis of Durham, NC; Sandra Martin of Chicago, IL; brother-in-laws, Miles Cross (Armenta) of Chicago, IL; Atlas Ingram, (Chole) of MD and David Cross (Juanita), of Richmond, VA; two very special sisters/friends, Mrs. Judy Mitchell and Mrs. Faye Matthews both of Richmond, VA and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**FEB 21.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 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

**FEB 22.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Presbyterian Church  
801 Tazewell Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23701

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Constance D. Cross



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 21, 2016 at 12:19 PM

EM

*RIP..*

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**Ethel Loretta Miller** - February 21, 2016 at 02:04 PM

DE

*To Cameron and the Cross Family*

*I just found out about Ms. Cross and I am so sorry to hear the news. She was a very friendly and happy person.*

*My heart goes out to you. I missed her being my neighbor . The times we spent talking across the fence will last in our memories*

*Delores and Larry*

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**Delores** - March 17, 2016 at 06:28 PM

CH

“ ~ Camelot ~

*Tonight, tonight, won't be just any night  
Tonight there will be no morning star.*

*Constance my friend, I'll see you in the end,  
We'll remember all the fun we had.  
Every day at work, with nothing else to search,  
We'd make our business fun and be glad.*

*When I saw you though, not too long ago,  
And touched your head with a gentle kiss.  
All your loves ones now, are with their heads bowed,  
Knowing you will be forever missed.*

*Peace came to you without losing any faith,  
You headed for the Lord's pearly gates.  
Sitting up in heaven far above.  
I have no other words, you will always be heard,  
For you I have nothing but love.*

*This may not make sense to some of you, I know,  
But for me and Constance, the world will always glow.*

*Camille Henderson  
February 19, 2016*

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**CAMILLE HENDERSON** - May 31, 2016 at 03:50 PM

EI

“ *Constance was the "go to" person for me when I needed help getting an account straight. I could always count on her to help. Constance had a great personality that would always keep you smiling. I have many great memories of Constance.*

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**Elizabeth Isgett** - February 23, 2016 at 08:58 AM

TW

“ *I met Diane only a few times in early days. She was a good person and, according to my husband Grant, lovingly treated him like a younger brother and had a heart of gold. We will miss her but we know she has reached Heaven her final destination to be with the Lord.*

*Timothy and Vanessa Ward  
Isaiah 41:10*



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**Timothy and Vanessa Ward** - February 22, 2016 at 10:25 AM

NJ

“ To Cross Family, It is with my deepest sympathies that I send my condolences to you and your family.



Nora Jackson - February 21, 2016 at 09:43 PM

YB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Connie's passing. Connie worked for me for several years at Internal Revenue Service. She was a wonderful employee and a wonderful woman. I remember how important her boys and her family were to her. May you find comfort in those sweet memories of her in the weeks and months ahead.

Blessings,  
Yvonne Bellamy-Arvin  
Chesterfield, Virginia

Yvonne Bellamy-Arvin - February 21, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ 27 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 20, 2016 at 10:24 PM

AC

“ Cam spoiled both Ma and I. On this one occasion he treated us to a salt spa session in Williamsburg. Not only was she a beautiful person, but she raised an amazing son. I'm so thankful that he shared her with me...I miss you Ma, but I know you're watching over us and that you love us very much. Thank you for helping me realize it's OK to be me, it's OK to say what I feel, it's OK to act how I do and still be a loving, christian wife. I will forever cherish the lessons you taught me. XOXO



Angela Cross - February 19, 2016 at 07:44 PM

CH

Angie, I just received a thank you card from Joan. I didn't know she left us. My grandfather passed just two days before she did so we have been in Louisiana. My heart is quite heavy, but I know they are both better now. I pray that you, Cam, and the rest of the family are depending on your faith and strength. Just know that I know how blessed I am to have had the opportunity to know the sassy, classy, amazing woman that was Ms Constance Cross! Love you all.  
-- Chaz

Chazity - March 08, 2016 at 01:05 PM

AR

“ Angie & DeeJ Robinson purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Constance D. Cross.



Angie & DeeJ Robinson - February 19, 2016 at 06:49 PM

RS

“ We are sorry to learn of the death of Constance. The Akram and Wyche families have our deepest sympathy. Constance is remembered from years gone by when I (Regina) was in high school. Be of good courage because joy will come in the morning  
Regina Long Southall  
Andrea Southall



Regina Long Southall - February 19, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JL

“ Cameron, It is with my deepest sympathies that I send my condolences to you and your family on the death of your mom.

Judy Robertson, McGuireWoods LLP - February 19, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Constance D. Cross.



February 19, 2016 at 07:09 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Constance D. Cross.



February 19, 2016 at 07:06 AM

MS

“ Marion Smith lit a candle in memory of Constance D. Cross



marion smith - February 18, 2016 at 08:56 AM