



Ella Francis Rodgers

April 30, 1946 - April 28, 2020

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, God dispatched his angels to usher his faithful servant home. Ella Rodgers, age 74 was lovingly known as "Puddin" or Aunt Puddin to family and friends. Ella was born on April 30, 1946 to the late Pleasant V. and Willie J. Mitchell. She was a native of Portsmouth, VA and attended Portsmouth Public Schools. She was also preceded in death by her son, Michael Rodgers; siblings Alinda Mitchell, Ernestine Cambron, Willie "Pee Wee" Mitchell and Felicia Miller; special friends, Constance Fields and Emma Williams.

Ella worked as a seamstress or London Fog Coat Factory for 16 years, until they closed. She continued to work until she retired. Ella loved the Lord and was an active member of Canaan Baptist Church of Suffolk, VA where she devotedly served in the women's ministry, couple's ministry and was a deaconess. She was affectionately known throughout Tidewater for her cooking, delicious popcorn and sewing. She loved to travel and bowl. She actively bowled in leagues for 49 years and was a member of the Lady Bowlers traveling team. She loved her family and friends and treasured the times she spent with them. Ella had a heart of gold and always opened her home to provide and took care of many. She had a vivacious personality and made friends every where she went.

Ella was dearly loved and she leaves to cherish her devoted memory, a loving

husband of 54 years, James Rodgers, Jr.; a devoted daughter, Melodie Rodgers; two grandsons, Jemell of Fort Bragg, NC and Shaquan Rodgers of Norfolk, VA; two great grandchildren, Aniyah Rodgers and Casheon Nash-Rodgers; a special nephew, James Cambron; three sisters, Eva Mae Hicks, Irene Mills and Debra Williams (Ronnie); and five brothers, Lacey Mitchell (Diane), Alvin Mitchell, Sr., Irvin Mitchell, Terry Mitchell and Tony Mitchell and a host of family and friends.

Please note that the Funeral Home follows the CDC guidelines, allowing only 10 persons to attend the funeral and only 10 persons at a time in the building for the visitation. The CDC suggests and the Funeral Home requires masks to be worn by all persons who enter the building.

Please click on the following link to watch a live stream of the virtual viewing, today between 4 P.M. - 7 P.M. Please show your support to the family.

Cemetery Details

Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery

Nansemond Pkwy.
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Boosie*

I am so sorry to hear of Ella's passing. Only yesterday I passed your house and saw people in the yard and thought that you guys were celebrating something not her home going.

I remember the smile on her face and how she could hit a baseball over to left field to bring me home.

I'm so sorry.

peace love and blessings and may God heal you

Brenda Wilson Benn

Brenda Benn - May 06, 2020 at 06:35 PM



Francine Sinkler

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Francine Sinkler - May 05, 2020 at 03:05 PM



Francine Sinkler

“ *For all that you were, for all that you did, for the love and prayers and kool-aid that poured so freely from your hands. For the overflowing bags of popcorn. For your skill of making people feel special and important. For the laughter and the smiles. I am so glad that I had a chance to spend more time talking with you. Thank you is not enough. I love you with all of my heart.*

Francine Sinkler - May 05, 2020 at 01:17 PM

WC

“ *Weeatha Carey*



weeatha Carey - May 05, 2020 at 10:48 AM

FS

“ *Francine Stowe Sinkler lit a candle in memory of Ella Francis Rodgers*



Francine Stowe Sinkler - May 05, 2020 at 06:31 AM

FS

“ *Francine, Joe and Isaiah Sinkler purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



Francine, Joe and Isaiah Sinkler - May 04, 2020 at 09:02 PM

EW

“ *"Words seem so inadequate, but may these help some way to let you know that many thoughts and prayers are with you." Our deepest sympathy to the family in this time of sorrow. We remember Ella's beautiful smile, heart and kind spirit. With love & peace, --Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Waller, Sr.*

Ethel Waller - May 04, 2020 at 05:44 PM

DJ

“ *Dana Jones lit a candle in memory of Ella Francis Rodgers*



Dana Jones - May 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM

AF

“ *Our condolences to you Melodie and your father. I know its hard to lose a mother, but the Lord knows best. We will surely miss her popcorn and her delicious pasta salad. We love you Melodie and we are always just a phone call away. ❤️❤️❤️*

Alton and Doris Franklin - May 04, 2020 at 04:25 PM

CK

Melodie and Father condolences and sympathy, prayers and love, you will find comfort in your memories; Colleen Kane(Willie Hicks Sr(Sister-in-law) 🌺🌺🌺🙏🙏🙏💚💚💚

Colleen Kane - May 04, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *My Aunt Puddin was "The hostess with the most-est"! Her cooking could not be beat. Her generosity knew no bounds and she made everyone who entered her home feel like family. But now it's time to kick off your shoes, Sweet Auntie and enjoy your rest. See you soon!*
Angie

Angie Yarbrough - May 04, 2020 at 01:32 PM

CK

Condolences and sympathy, love and prayers - Colleen Kane and son Ian

Colleen Kane - May 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

CK

Love and prayers, and may all of the family be comforted with her memories 🙏❤️🌸🌸🌸🌸

Colleen Kane - May 04, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CK

Colleen Kane is sister-in-law of Willie Hicks Sr.; I knew her as Aunt Puddin, and met her a few times when she came to Brooklyn, my prayers, love, and comfort - to all of the family.

Colleen Kane - May 04, 2020 at 03:01 PM



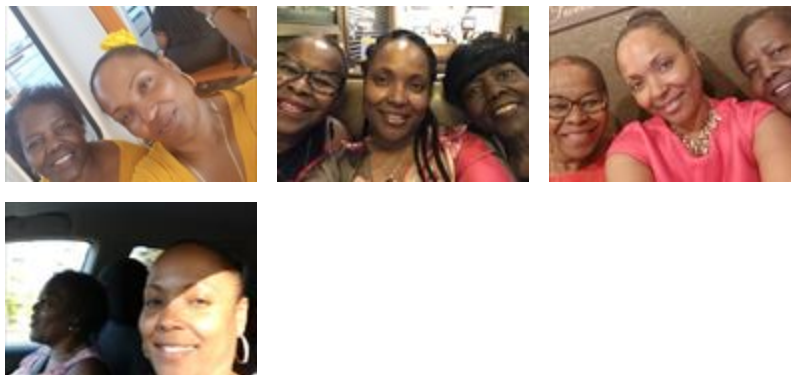
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



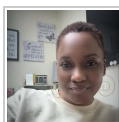
May 04, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MR

“ *Beautiful Moments in Time!*



Melodie Rodgers - May 04, 2020 at 05:38 AM



Love you Auntie ❤️❤️❤️

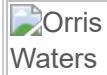
Erica Langley - May 04, 2020 at 03:20 PM



Glennette Miller

My beautiful ladies love you sis. Miss you mamma

Glennette Miller - May 04, 2020 at 04:42 PM



Orris Waters

“ *Mr. James Rodgers, Ms, Melodie Rodgers, & Family! We're praying and sending our heartfelt sympathies to you all at this most difficult time! Ella will be loved and and sadly Missed Always! We love you all! God Bless You! The Waters & Lassiter Family!*



Orris Waters - May 03, 2020 at 11:14 PM



TC

Praying for your family.

Tyrone Carter - May 04, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



May 03, 2020 at 10:52 PM



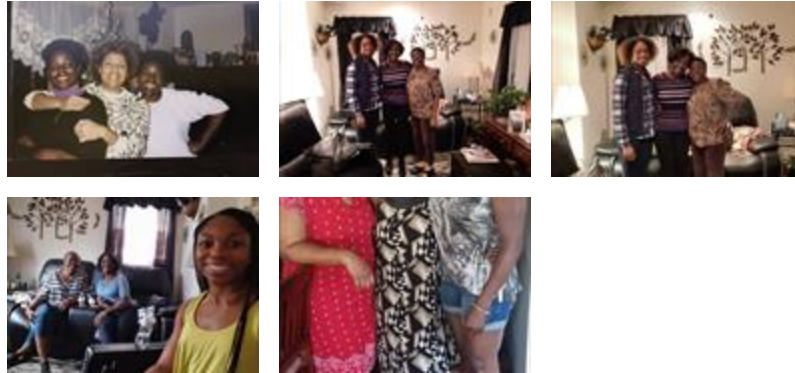
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



May 03, 2020 at 04:33 PM

C(

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Crystal Wright (cousin) - May 03, 2020 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ Our Sincere Condolences to the family of Ella Rodgers. .."Asking God to enfold you in his faithful love and comfort you with the cherished memories you hold dear "...Rest in Heavenly Peace, Ella! We love you. ..Khari Harris and Janet O'Neal

Janet O'Neal and Khari Harris - May 03, 2020 at 01:47 PM

CI

“ We do mourn the loss of our sister friend Puddin. We do believe that the memory of her will out weigh her absence. She was a living and giving friend to my sister Darlene and always kind to us. We love you puddin.

Cynthia Ingram - May 03, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



May 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma candle of hope & healing*



Melodie Rodgers - May 03, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Momma Ella My family will truly miss you. From the beginning you became much more than my friends mother you became my mom and my kids grandmother. I love you. No more pain No more sorrow. Always in my heart*



Glennette Miller - May 03, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Rodgers family in the passing of your beloved Pudding. Her gigantic smile and quick wit will surely be missed. May you find comfort in knowing that others care and are praying for you all now and in the times ahead.*

Janice Wiggins Johnson - May 03, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



May 03, 2020 at 03:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



May 02, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Lloyd O. Rodgers (Chubby) purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Ella Francis Rodgers.*



Lloyd O. Rodgers (Chubby) - May 02, 2020 at 01:25 PM

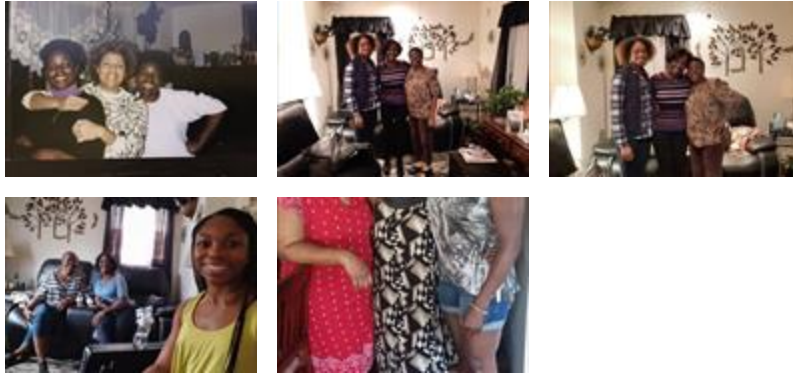


“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Sister Rodgers will truly be missed. God bless and comfort you. The Becketts*

Norman & Matilda Beckett - May 02, 2020 at 12:42 PM

CW

“ 9 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crystal Wright - May 02, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MR

Love the pictures!! My mom look so pretty! Please send to me so I can make a copy! Thank you Crystal! Love you cousin!

Melodie Rodgers - May 04, 2020 at 01:53 PM

LB

“ *Ella was a great Bowler. She loved to Bowl. She was on many championship teams. i had the opportunity to bowl against Her many years ago. She took Bowling seriously. May the Family find comfort in knowing that there are many persons praying for comfort for them..h them*

Leigh Burton - May 01, 2020 at 10:29 PM

LB

“ *Leigh Burton lit a candle in memory of Ella Francis Rodgers*



Leigh Burton - May 01, 2020 at 10:20 PM

MD

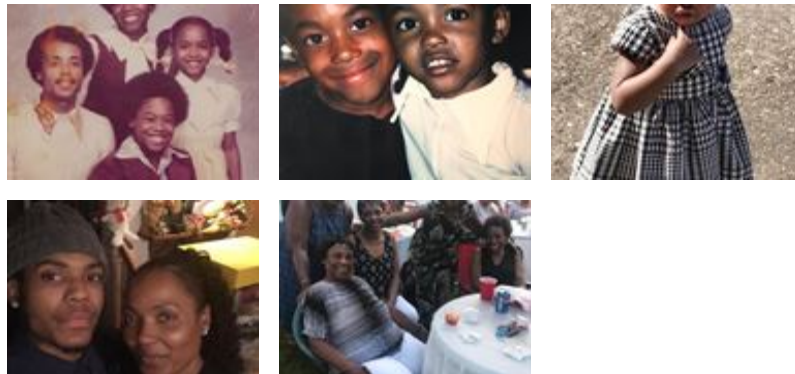
“ My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Ella, I have very fond memories of her and pray for the comforting arms of Jesus to envelope your family and to strengthen you. God bless you all.

Michael Dailey

Michael Dailey - May 01, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 01, 2020 at 06:05 PM

VD

“ My condolences to the family of Ella, for the lost of your beloved "Pudding" may you find your strength in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord comfort and reassure each of you. Blessed are they that mourn, For they shall be comforted.(Matthew 3:4)

Valarie Dozier - April 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM

VD

“ *Valarie Dozier lit a candle in memory of Ella Francis Rodgers*



Valarie Dozier - April 30, 2020 at 05:14 PM