



Emma Jane Copeland

February 20, 1920 - August 13, 2018

Our beloved mother, grand-mother, sister, aunt and friend, Emma Jane Peoples Copeland, was called to her heavenly home to be with God on Monday, August 13, 2018. Emma was the eldest child born to the late Allie J. and Sarah Jones Peoples on February 20, 1920 in Norfolk County, Virginia. Emma was married to the late Deacon Earnest Copeland, Sr. and the mother of the late Earnest Copeland, Jr. and the late Idonus Copeland.

Growing up and residing in the St. Mount Claire community all her life, Emma was always known as a very quiet and gentle person. Imagine entering St. Mount Claire subdivision and looking to your right and seeing the radiant smile and wave of Emma Copeland as she enjoyed the beautiful days in the neighborhood!

A recollection of Emma's benevolence is that she was always very loving and giving—if someone was ever in need, she would always be willing to assist them financially and with other means of support.

A hard working woman, whether within the home or outside of it, Emma's young adult years began with her working as a Dietary Aide at Maryview Hospital. Later she was employed by the Portsmouth Public Schools as a Housekeeping Engineer until she later retired.

Family and friends meant the world to Emma. Even when she was unable to go out of the home, Emma enjoyed casual telephone conversations and visits with family and friends. Remembering Emma J. Peoples Copeland in love, survivors include her daughter, Gloria C. Copeland (James, Jr.) of Chesapeake; a sister, Marion L. Sykes (Harry, Sr.) of Portsmouth; three brothers, Allie Jr. of Smithfield; Norman Peoples, Sr. and Samuel Peoples (Esther) both of Chesapeake; three grandchildren, James III, Jabbari, and Nykia; three great-grandchildren, Imani, Isabella, Zachary and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and devoted friends.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 W Norfolk Rd
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-4149

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Emma Jane Copeland*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 19, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma Jane Copeland.*



August 19, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers for a since of peace during this challenging time. May God bless you.*
Robert and Roni Watkins

Robert and Roni Watkins - August 19, 2018 at 07:54 AM



Our deepest condolences to the entire family. May your beautiful memories be a source of comfort as you grieve. We pray that God continues to supply your one and every need! ...Patricia Edgerton and family

Patricia Edgerton - August 22, 2018 at 04:00 PM



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