



Eula B. Slaughter

December 2, 1927 - July 3, 2021

On December 2nd, 1927 Eula Belle (Smith) Slaughter was born. A native of Nash County, North Carolina, Mrs. Slaughter was the sixth child of the late Handsome and Mennie (Coley) Smith. She was preceded by two brothers – James and John as well as three sisters – Rosa, Odessa and Doretha. During her early teens the family settled in what was to become her hometown of Portsmouth, Virginia. There she would meet James Andrew Slaughter, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and graduate of I. C. Norcom High School. The two teenage sweethearts married on April 19th, 1944 and settled initially in the Howard Park section of Portsmouth.

Eula was a faithful military spouse for over ten years, supporting her husband's military career as duty called him throughout the world. She loved to travel with her husband Sgt. James Slaughter and make new friends wherever they went.

Eula returned to Portsmouth with James in 1954 and settled into their home in the 3200 block of Downes Street in the working middle class neighborhood of North Truxton. There they would raise their four children – Carlton (deceased), Karen, Kevin and Ken into productive citizens. The two would share a marriage filled with 53 years' worth of memories until James' passing on November 23rd, 1997. In addition to being an excellent parent and homemaker, Eula was a "working" mother with a career that saw her achieve as an assembly line processor with major Tidewater-area companies, including Starband, Inc., General Electric, Inc. (GE) and Southland

Corporation where she retired in 1993.

Eula was a central figure in her neighborhood for well over 70 years. Generations of adults and children that have grown up in Truxton know and love “Ms. Eula.” She welcomed people into her home and provided comfort and care when needed, whether it be with a home-cooked meal, a sympathetic ear to listen or an uplifting, humorous story from her lifetime of experiences to share as a life lesson. Building upon the recipes shared through generations of her family, her culinary talents were exceptional. Her homemade rolls and other specialties became a favorite of the community! In addition to talents in the kitchen she was also an accomplished seamstress and needlepoint crochet artist. On Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 in honor and celebration of her 90th birthday, Mayor John Rowe declared “Eula B. Slaughter Day” in the city of Portsmouth.

Eula saw our nation, our state and our city evolve in her 93 years of life. As an African American woman, she witnessed landmark events in history - from the dismantling of Jim Crow laws and the desegregation of public school systems during the civil rights movement to the election of the first African American President and in November of 2020 exercised her final public act of citizenship casting her ballot for the first African American, female Vice President of the United States.

On Saturday, July 3rd, 2021, “Ms. Eula” passed away peacefully at her home after completing her life’s course. She leaves behind to cherish her memory and continue the legacy of dedication to family and service to community: her children – daughter Karen D. Woods, sons Kevin R. Slaughter and Ken L. Slaughter, daughters-in-law Dana and Deborah Slaughter, grandchildren – Cytina W. Chavis, Wynton M. Woods, Sydney N. Slaughter, Veronica Slaughter, Carlton A Slaughter, Jr., Tyrone Weaver, LaMonica Weaver, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

We love you mom – always and forever.

Karen, Kevin & Ken

Cemetery Details

Rosewood Memorial Park

631 N. Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Service

JUL **16**. 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 Eula B. Slaughter*



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“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Eula B. Slaughter*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 16, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *My name is LaMonica Weaver .I am one of 4 siblings .Carlton Slaughter her first born children.I loved Eula from the very first time I stepped on her porch and I will forever more.I admired her so much she had so much grace , beautiful inside and out ,she could cook and was so hospitable .She loved with no limits .I remember crying Everytime we had to leave because she made you feel that good just being around you knew it could never be duplicated.I will never forget you and I hope I can touch as many as you did.I love you always .We love you always*

LaMonica Weaver - July 16, 2021 at 01:51 PM

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“ My heartfelt prayers are with you during the passing of your mother. Mrs. Slaughter was a beautiful lady inside and outside. I will always cherish the fond memories of growing up across the street from her. She always had a smile, a word of encouragement, and a comfort in her home for you. Also, she was very smart. I will miss her dearly. Love always,
Annie Wynn Mitchell

Annie Wynn Mitchell - July 14, 2021 at 04:30 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 14, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eula B. Slaughter.



July 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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“ To my family and friends,

My Auntie Eula was just a loving and funny woman. I am going to miss out talks on the porch and telephonic(talking about the news and everything under the sun). You are gone but you will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. Love you always.

Annette Hunter - July 12, 2021 at 02:42 PM

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“ What I remember is that
All the Smith women were beautiful.
Specially for Aunt Eula, it's those Parker
House Rolls she made from scratch.
Love and condolences to my cousins and
their family.



*Patricia Nelson
Minneapolis, MN*

Patricia Nelson - July 11, 2021 at 03:37 PM

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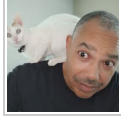
Eula and I worked together for years. She was like a mother to me and yes she could make those rolls. She even taught me to crochet. I will always remember her for those fond memories. Much condolences to the family.

Barbara Barner - July 12, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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Aunt Eula for me not to hear your voice and to see you anytime soon is heart breaking. You have made an impact of my life that you can not imagine, you were such a woman of great strength and wisdom. I love you dearly and you will be truly missed.

ANNETT HUNTER - July 16, 2021 at 01:18 PM



As a friend of her son Kevin for over 35 years, she always treated me GREAT! Enjoy this, come back soon as you can...Always the kind loving spirit. Thank You so much. We miss you so already.

Lindsay Robinson - July 16, 2021 at 01:20 PM