



Grendel A. Howard

February 4, 1933 - July 7, 2018

Grendel Alice Howard (affectionately known as Tuncie), age 85, died peacefully, surrounded by loving family, on July 7, 2018, in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Grendel is survived by her son Jason T. Howard of Jacksonville, NC; her sister Avon Howard Stukes of Ahoskie, NC; her grandson Jashon M. Howard of Ahoskie, NC; her granddaughter Alia J. Howard of Jacksonville, NC; 4 great-grand children, Ja'Niyah Ariel Howard, Jassan Mileak Howard, Ja'khila Unique Howard, and Ashad Zion Howard and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Rhoda and Gurney Howard, 6 siblings; Robert, Bernard, Thaddeus, Wallace, Margaret and Georgia.

Grendel was born on February 4, 1933 in Ahoskie NC to parents Rhoda Collins Howard and Gurney Howard. She graduated from Robert L. Vann High School in Ahoskie in 1950. She attended Elizabeth City University and the University of Colorado in Boulder. She retired from the Army in May 1985, as a highly decorated Sergeant Major. During her Army career, she served as Senior Editor of SOLDIERS magazine, and photographer/journalist for Stars and Stripes Army newspaper. She served three tours of duty in Viet Nam, in addition to numerous duty stations worldwide.

Grendel felt she came from humble beginnings but was a shining example of how anything is possible with hard work and determination. In addition to her military success, she was featured in Ebony magazine and the book Viewfinders Black Women Photographers in articles that touted her success as a single mother and photographer/journalist.

She and her son Jason traveled extensively over the years. They spent time playing basketball, bowling and visiting various relatives and friends. Grendel and her extended military family held true to the "it takes a village" mentality when it came to raising Jason. She was always grateful that they have continued to keep in touch throughout the years. Their frequent visits and phone calls were definitely a source of joy and entertainment for her, which contributed to her longevity.

The family would like to thank anyone who visited or called to make her home "a little slice of heaven". Special acknowledgments to those who helped her to reach the Golden Gates with the same dignity and uprightness she exemplified throughout her life.

Life is short but long enough if you live it right—and that she did.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ We love YOU aunt TUNICE CONTINUE TO rest in peace we going to miss you especially your jokes and your dancing from your NIECE Linda and LADONNA



LaDonna Gatewood - July 13, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ I will always remember the laughter and lessons! We love you💜



Lori Melton - July 13, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ Janet Lewis lit a candle in memory of Grendel A. Howard



Janet Lewis - July 11, 2018 at 06:57 AM



“ I'll always remember Aunt Tuncie at the family Christmas parties teaching all the kids the fat butt song. We had some great times. I will miss you. Say hi to my dad and mom. We will always love you and cherish the memories. Rest in peace.

Janet Lewis - July 11, 2018 at 06:55 AM

BJ

Cousin Tuncie had a philosophical attitude about life an all things meaningful to her family & friends. May she rest in peace.

Brenda Johnson - July 11, 2018 at 01:59 PM

LN

“ *We love you aunt tunice you will be truly missed and we have so many many memories with you LOVE YOU rest in paradise until we meet again*

Linda & LADONNA aunt tunice niece - July 10, 2018 at 11:53 PM

LN

“ *Linda & LADONNA Aunt Tunice Niece lit a candle in memory of Grendel A. Howard*



Linda & LADONNA aunt tunice niece - July 10, 2018 at 11:51 PM

LN

“ *We love you aunt tunice you will be truly missed I have so many many memories with you LOVE always your oldest niece Linda Howard and LADONNA rest in heaven tell my grandma in said hi and I truly Miss her*

Linda & LADONNA aunt tunice niece - July 10, 2018 at 11:44 PM

AW

“ *Ava White lit a candle in memory of Grendel A. Howard*



Ava White - July 10, 2018 at 01:11 PM

AW

Aunt Tuncie, you will be missed by many, but the memories of you and all the wisdom you gave will be with me for the rest of my life. Your life and legacy will live on. Luv u much

Ava White - July 10, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LL

Remembering with love and admiration Grendel A Howard, Tuncie, as the Trailblazer...One of Ahsoskie's very own - Proud RIP Purdis Lorraine Lewis-Burke and My Family

Lorraine Lewis-Burke - July 11, 2018 at 08:05 PM