



Helen Marie Person

March 24, 1931 - March 1, 2024

A beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, Marie Person was born on March 24, 1931 to the late Gordon and Dona Turner in Bridgehampton, Long Island, New York. Helen Marie Person attended Bridgehampton High School, lived in Douglas Park, and moved to Washington Park in 1964. She attended I.C. Norcom High School and received a certificate as a Nursing Assistant. While working at Wellspring Home Health Care, and Portsmouth Naval Hospital, she received several recognitions for her outstanding service to patients. In 1995, after twelve years of faithful and dedicated service, Helen Marie Person retired.

Helen Marie Person husband Alfred A. Person, two sons Timothy Charles, and Gregory Alexander, daughter Sheila Viola Willis, and brothers Junior Turner and Everett Turner preceded her in death. Her brother Hilliard Turner transitioned two days after her death.

To cherish her memory, she leaves two sons Alfred Henry Person (Yvette) and Gordon Lamont Person, daughter Regina Langford (Vernon). Additionally, she was the proud grandmother to Shanel Jones (Kareem), Sheila Denise Willis, Charles Willis, Tamika Fleming (Shawn) LaToya Barnes (Rashad), Bryan Coleman and Mack Coleman (Angela) several great -grands, fourteen great-

great grandchildren, her sister Marion Darden and a host of nieces, nephew, friends, as well as prominent community leaders who championed her endeavors.

Helen Marie Person enjoyed sitting on the front porch interacting with the neighbors as well as politicians, cooking crabs, playing cards, making apple pies, listening to music, entertaining friends as well as community activists, as well as collecting Afrocentric figurines. She was present at countless political /community gatherings. Helen Marie had an infectious laugh and never met a stranger.

Helen Marie Person was the recipient of various accolades for her community involvement in the city of Portsmouth. Helen Marie took extraordinary pride in her neighborhood. She walked for the cause of the common good for the residents of Washington Park, prayed for the heart of the city and stood dozens of times before Portsmouth City Council.

She was the voice for the citizens of Washington Park. To address the lead issue that plagued the grounds and residents of Washington Park, she endlessly and tirelessly collaborated with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and the Environment Protection Agency.

The redevelopment of Washington Park allowed her to be instrumental in the relocation of all families from the area. Through ongoing negotiation, the housing units were torn down, and the land rezoned as an industrial site.

Helen Marie Person left an indelible mark on the city of Portsmouth. Helen Marie Person's memory will live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Helen Marie Person worked for the good of the people.

Helen Marie Person saw a need and challenged the cause. She stood tall and was determined to make things right. Helen Marie Person was a dreamer and a leader.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 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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Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Person.* ”



March 15, 2024 at 10:07 AM



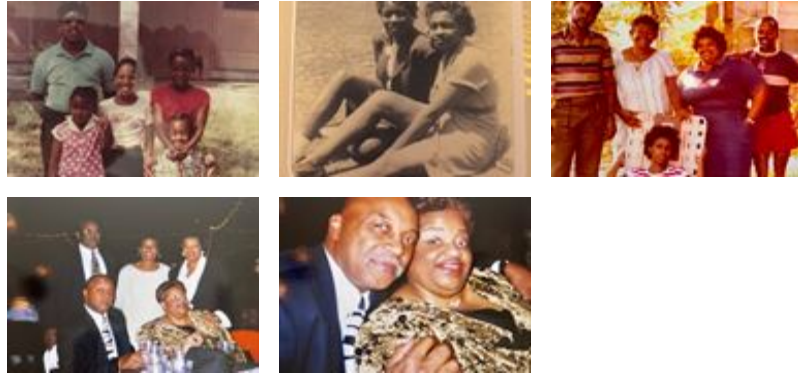
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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 14, 2024 at 10:12 AM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 12, 2024 at 03:11 PM

AD

“ *Lamont, she taught you how to stand and survive. Keep GOD first and you'll never go wrong. My family is praying for you and yours. Peace and Comfort from The Almighty GOD.*

Apostle Patricia David - March 11, 2024 at 11:06 AM

AD

“ *RIP, Mrs. Marie, was a blessing to a lot of people in her lifetime. Especially making sure the children and people of Washington Park was compensated for living in those lead infested apartments. Her and Ms. Maggie fought for justice. Rest on, Mrs. Marie, you won the war.*

Apostle Patricia David - March 11, 2024 at 11:02 AM

GW

“ To the Person family, my heart and prayers go out to you. Losing a parent, grand-parent, sibling, aunt is devastating, especially when the deceased is such a connected and well - loved person as Granny Person. My time with her was short, but I enjoyed every minute of each visit. She brought me such joy the way she would just say whatever came to mind, no matter the circumstance. I will miss her, but she is now at peace, no pain or suffering in heaven with her daughter Sheila. My sincere condolences 🙏...God Bless
G. Williams

Gerald Williams - March 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SB

“ Dear Sis Regina... losing someone so precious to you is truly heartbreaking, however, we pray that the many memories of your Mom will always keep her spirit alive in your heart now and forever. We Love You and send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Earl & Sharon L. Halmon, Crestview FL. 6 March 24

Sharon Brown-Halmon - March 06, 2024 at 03:37 PM

 Nisey
Artis

To the family of Helen Person. I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Person passing. She was so dear a friend of mine from so way back when. She will be dearly missed. I send my deepest condolences and prayers to you and the family. I am so full right now, my daughters and I use to come see her often and I thank God🌟 that I was able to cook for her at times and just spend precious hours with her and her son Lamont when I did. My entire family knew her well and will miss her dearly. I can't count the countless days that I spend on her porch all day in downtown Portsmouth and WP. She will always be in my heart, I learnt much from her. God🌟bless🌟as she takes her rest. Praying for you all. Love you all. I pray Lamont strength in this time of now, all of you.



Nisey Artis - March 08, 2024 at 04:15 PM

GG

Sister Regina, you have held a special place in my heart for over 27 years now. You loved my sister Margie as if she were your own and you gave comfort to me when she passed eight years ago as you did when my Mother (Markie) passed three years ago. I know the pain you and your family are experiencing and my heartfelt sympathy is with you all. There's nothing any of us can say to ease that pain, but I do know that God will sustain you all as you endure. Please cling tightly to His Word and know that in due season, the pain will subside, but her memories and love will live on in all of you.

Gwendolyn Gregory - March 08, 2024 at 05:07 PM

LC

“*Sis Regina, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time as you prepare to celebrate your beautiful mother, Ms. Person. We pray the memories you shared with your mother will comfort you and bring you joy in the days, months and years ahead. Our deepest sympathies from Pastor Darrell and Sis Lula Coleman and your Praise, Power and Compassion Ministries family, Crestview, Florida*

Lula Coleman - March 06, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DJ

My deepest condolences in the loss of Mother. Praying for you and your family. 🙏

Darleen James - March 06, 2024 at 03:06 PM