



Joyce Jones Perry

March 8, 1947 - November 2, 2017

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, our mother, Nana, auntie, niece, cousin, soror, classmate, and friend, Joyce Paulette Jones Perry entered eternal rest. She began her life's journey on March 8, 1947, in Norfolk, VA to the late John Harold and Josephine Camilla Jones. She was reared in the Douglass Park neighborhood of Portsmouth, VA. She accepted the Lord at an early age and became a member of Zion Baptist Church when she was nine. She was educated in the Portsmouth Public School System and graduated from I. C. Norcom High School in June 1965. Upon graduating from I. C. Norcom High School, Joyce enrolled at Virginia Union University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1969. Joyce began her 34-year career as a teacher at Hardy and Carrollton Elementary Schools with Isle Wight County Public Schools. Joyce served as grade-level chair, and was named with distinction Isle Wight Elementary Schools Teacher of the Year in 2003. Joyce retired in 2004.

After retirement, Joyce continued to share her passion of teaching and learning as well as her love of children by working at Sylvan Learning Center and was a tutor at various elementary schools in Portsmouth Public Schools. Joyce impacted the lives of thousands of children. She loved working with students and mentoring teachers. She had fond memories riding the TRT carpool with her "crew," who met every morning at Mid-City and traveled to Isle of Wight.

Joyce was an "active" lady. Those who knew Joyce knew she loved to look

good, shop, and travel. Known as “Lady JP”, she was truly a diva. She took pride in her appearance and looking like her mother. She also loved concerts and events. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she was initiated in the Gamma Delta Omega Chapter in 1988.

Although she was a Virginia Union Panther and loved her friends, she was a die-hard fan of Norfolk State University (NSU). She traveled across the country cheering on the Spartans with her NSU buddies. She traveled religiously to the CCAA and MEAC tournaments. She also looked forward to attending the Hampton Roads and Capital Jazz Festivals.

Joyce was loved and will be missed by so many. She was predeceased by her loving sister and best friend, Linda.

She leaves to cherish her legacy the apple of her eye, her only child, Janeen Perry-Campbell; her favorite son-in-law, Derrick Campbell; the joys of her life, her granddaughters, Nia Perry (Upper Marlboro, MD), Zoe Sara Campbell; her granddog, Ivy CoCo; her stepson, David Perry (Carolyn); very special nieces, whom she loved like her daughters, Joy Jenkins-Parker and Adrien Fane; her favorite nephew, Tracey Parker; a great niece, Noelle Parker; great nephews, Elijah and Isaiah; her aunt, Earline B. Green; her favorite cousin from Arizona, Cynthia Robinson; sisters-in-law, Waldensia “Dent” Wise and Devonne Jeffers; God-grandbaby, Giovonni “Gigi” Walker and her mother Mary Snead, best friend for over 48 years, Jerrene Yeoman; her Smithfield Yeoman and Cuffey family, best friends from childhood, Joyce Cherry and Rosalyn Goolsby; best friends, Raven Wilkerson and Sharon Greene; a special niece, Renee Garrison; her “BFF”, Lenwood Marrow; “Mama” Louise Smith; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of dear friends.

Joyce LOVED her family and friends.

Silently sleep, safe in the fold,

Ever thou will reap blessings untold;

Soon in that home, with thee we’ll dwell

But until we come,

MOMMY/NANA, farewell!

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Wake Service

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
225 Hatton Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Jones Perry



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 08, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Mommy in heaven. Words will NEVER describe the emptiness I feel without you. Not a day goes by that I don't miss you. I still can't believe you are no longer here with us. Missing you physically hurts. I would give everything I own for you to fuss at me one more time. :-)* But, I know you are at peace and you aren't in pain. Even though I want you here on Earth, I know you are watching from above. I love you much! -To the moon and back
Janeen



Janeen Perry-Campbell - March 07, 2018 at 11:49 PM

ZJ

“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JOYCE'S PASSING. JOYCE WAS MY GOD-SISTER & HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH HER IN YEARS, I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT MAMA JOE'S GIRLS BUT DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THEM. I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HER PASSING. I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH LINDA IF SHE STILL REMEMBERS ME. THEIR MOTHER WAS MY GOD-MOTHER & I LOVED THEM SO MUCH.

ZELDA GIBSON JOHNSON - November 24, 2017 at 07:14 PM

Hello Ms. Johnson, I'm Joyce's daughter Janeen. My auntie Linda passed in 2006.

J Camille Perry-Campbell - December 05, 2017 at 11:59 PM

IA

“ I definitely have reflected about my time with Lady JP and one pf my greatest memories was weekends at her house. I am so grateful that she openened up her home to me and got a bit of normalcy while being 8 hours away from my family. At that time of my life I was pretty broken and did not always make the right decisions. I'm grateful for those weekends where I was just allowed to be! Love you Janeen! Thank you for those weekends that you really did share your mom with me (and so many others) 💕💕💕 I love you dearly!

I-sha Allen-Postell - November 11, 2017 at 02:43 PM

RH

“ Rhoda Harris lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jones Perry



Rhoda Harris - November 11, 2017 at 01:06 PM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Lee lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jones Perry*



Jacqueline Lee - November 09, 2017 at 09:46 AM

JB

“ *To my sister Janeen, your extended Smithfield family is and always will be here Don't hesitate to come or call any time. You know where to find us during holidays. Remember the good times and know how much Aunt Joyce love you, Zoe and Ivy. Love from the entire gang. Joahn , Larry and GRANDGRAND.*

Joahn Y Brown - November 08, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 08, 2017 at 07:55 AM

AB

Miss Joyce was truly a blessing to me and my family. I just recently found out that she was a Norcom Alum and our bond was instant! She was my neighbor and such a dear second mother to me. She informed that she knew my father Dr. Charles H. Bowens, III who also was an educator in the Portsmouth Public Schools System and our bond intensified! She truly enjoyed my sister's cooking and my dog Princess. Miss Joyce was such a sophisticated, lovely, warm, and gentle-spirited woman. Her presence will truly be missed! Love, Adrienne Bowens

Adrienne Bowens - November 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

1248 George Washington Hwy. N.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
**AKA Ivy Beyond the Wall Service
@7:30pm
Celebration of Life
Thursday, November 9th 11:00 am
Zion Baptist Church
225 Hatton Street
Portsmouth, VA 23435
A Homegoing Party for Joyce will be

J Camille Perry-Campbell - November 08, 2017 at 01:59 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 07, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ Aunt Catherine and Uncle Winston purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Jones Perry.



Aunt Catherine and Uncle Winston - November 07, 2017 at 02:55 PM

HW

“Joyce was the first person I saw when I arrived on campus at Va Union in 1967. Her smile gave me happiness. She was my Friend! When You remember Joyce please Smile.

Herman A Weaver

H Weaver - November 07, 2017 at 12:54 PM

RS

*Rest In Peace My Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Soror. I Am Glad We Were Able To Communicate At Your 70th Birthday Celebration For The I.C. Norcom Class Of 1965. God Also Enabled You To Worship At Ebenezer The Next Day. My Former Co-Worker, Your Mom Josephine, Is Waiting For You With Open Arms. We Shall Meet Again Some Day. Your Gamma Delta Omega Soror,
Regina Long Southall
Chesapeake, Virginia*

Regina Long Southall - November 08, 2017 at 11:29 PM

PM

“Remembering the years your mom would come over for Bear to do her taxes and sharing some girl talk with her beautiful smile will always be with me. I pray your strength Jenean and family. God bless you, P.Murphy



patricia murphy - November 06, 2017 at 09:29 PM

KI

“My sincere condolences to Janeen and Zoe. Ms. Perry was a beautiful woman. She will be greatly missed.



Kippy - November 06, 2017 at 09:24 PM

ZB

“ I will never forget the support, encouragement, and enthusiasm of Mrs. Joyce Perry. She was one of my most gracious parents that was always there. She was at all of the football games. She followed us to the basketball games. She was always willing to do things for my cheerleaders from snacks, water, watching them when I had to go to the restroom, taking my girls to the restroom during a game, and any other time that I needed her. She was the parent that showed her support and her presence was always felt, yet she never made me feel like she questioned what was happening with her daughter or the other girls. Even though we would throw shade about each other's sorority choice, we knew that we were Greyhound Alumni and that we shared a love for her most precious gift she loaned me for almost 4 years, her precious and One and ONLY Janeen. I will miss that smile, that laughter, that style, and most of all those laid, precision hair cuts that she would show off. We shared the same hair stylist and he loved to cut hair short and she was his #1 model. I am so sorry that her presence will be missed at the 2 greatest graduation ceremonies for 2018, yet you both must know how proud you have made her and whether rain or shine that glorious smile will be beaming from heaven for both of you on your special days. Love you both Mrs. Zee Bell your former Cheerleader coach, teacher, now co-worker. To the best all around Educator- Instructional Leader- Cheerleader Coach that I look up to, wanting to be just like you before I retire. LOL! Thank you so much for naming your precious daughter Zoe, she is my "Little Z" too.

Zelene B. Bell - November 06, 2017 at 03:15 PM

JF

“ Joanne Forbes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jones Perry



Joanne Forbes - November 06, 2017 at 02:03 PM

JF

My sincerest condolence to Ms. Perry Campbell, Zoe, and family. May the God of all comfort touch your hearts. Praying for you and your family.

Joanne Forbes - November 06, 2017 at 02:10 PM

VW

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the Perry family. May the memories of her love and kindness live with you forever. I will always remember Joyce as a loving and caring person She always greeted me with an enormous hug. Peace be with you and your family. Sincerely, Valerie Wilson*



Valerie Wilson - November 06, 2017 at 09:58 AM

BH

My deepest sympathy go out to the Perry family. We will miss the fun we had tail gating. You have gained your wings. Peace and love to the family. Sincerely Bessie and Bruce Hardy.

bessie hardy - November 06, 2017 at 02:58 PM

FC

“ *My sincerest condolence to you and family. Frances Chavous*



Frances Chavous - November 06, 2017 at 07:15 AM

CG

“ Carolyn Gary Glover lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jones Perry



Carolyn Gary Glover - November 05, 2017 at 09:37 PM

CG

Joyce and I grew up in Douglas Park together, although there had been many between growing up we last saw each other. My sympathy and prayers are with you family as you face this difficult time, may our Lord give you peace and strength.

Carolyn Gary Glover - November 05, 2017 at 09:42 PM

MD

“ You will be missed queen! I'll always remember our tailgate chats, jokes, and one on ones! Your spirit was authentic and your smile infectious! Fly high with the angels queen!

michelle davis - November 05, 2017 at 05:11 PM