



Margaret Collins

August 5, 1930 - May 20, 2008

Portsmouth-Margaret “Big Mama” Collins, 77, of the 2000 block of Ash Street, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2008 at Sentara Nursing Center, Portsmouth. She was born in Windsor, NC to the late David and Uzelia Cooper. She came to live in Virginia at the age of 9 and was raised by her late aunt and uncle, Maybelle and James Snipes and attended the Portsmouth Public Schools. Margaret retired from the GE Plant, Suffolk. She was a dedicated member of New Mount Nebo RZUA Church, Portsmouth.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 61 years, Johnnie L. Collins, Sr.; two daughters and a son; Wanda Poittilo (Tony), Diane Carney (Tony) and Johnnie (Jr) Collins, Jr., all of Portsmouth; a sister, Dorothy Dickens (Johnny)) of Portsmouth and two brothers, Henry Cooper (Maggie) of New York and Kelly Cooper (Mary) of North Carolina; an uncle, Andrew Wallace (Simone) of North Carolina and an aunt, Cleavon Overstreet (Rufus) of New York. She also left to cherish her memory a special friend, Ronbena Green; grandchildren, Keisha, Charles, Tamika, Tijwan, Daniel, Chenelle, Melvin, Eboni, Lamar, Maisha, Tonia; 15 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Beatrice Robinson and Ida Mae Ingram and a brother, Bonnie Cooper; a granddaughter, Tijwanna Collins and a great granddaughter, Antoinette Blount.

A special thanks to Sentara Nursing Center for the excellent care that they provided. Viewing will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 from 2pm until 7 pm at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake. A life celebration service will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 12:00 pm at New Mount Nebo RZUA, 2515 High Street, Portsmouth where the pastor is Reverend Ted Lewis. The eulogy will be performed by Rev. Leon Boone of Celestal Baptist Church, Portsmouth. Interment will be held at Albert H. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk. The family will gather at 1301 Mount Vernon Avenue. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services to handle the final care arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Mount Nebo RZUA
2515 High Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Collins



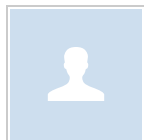
J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything that I can do for you, let me know.

Deepest Sympathy,
Ruth Coble###imported-begin##Ruth Coble###imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 01:47 PM



“ Diane,
My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during your time of sorrow. May the Lord strength and comfort you all. My prayers are with you,

Natalie (Nat-boo)###imported-begin##Natalie Brathwaite###imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 01:02 PM



“ Diane,
You and your family are in my prayers and you all have my deepest
condolences.##imported-begin##Winona (Winnie)
Green##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 02:05 PM



“ God has requested another flower. Keep your wife, mother,
grandmother, Aunt and friend. You keep her by honoring her with
that, that meant the most to you. Give that blessing to someone
else. You love her but GOD loves her best. You keep trusting in the
savior.

God Speed! to your area of need.

Rev. Gibson (USCG)##imported-begin##Rev. Mary L.
Gibson##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 06:49 AM



“ To the Family,

Our heartfelt love is with each one of you. Know that precious are the saints that die in the Lord. She is now singing with the angels and praising with the elders! She is walking on the streets of gold with no more sickness!

Her legacy will continue to live through each one of you. She has imparted family devotion, love, respect and kindness! Because of this impartation, your beloved one will live on!

Be encouraged and know that God will never give you more than you can bear. He will never leave you comfortless!

We are praying for you always;

Steve, Veronica, and Steveland Jones##imported-begin##Steve and Veronica Jones##imported-end##

May 24, 2008 at 10:15 PM



“ Diane,

My prayers are with you and your family. I know that this is not an easy time for you, but just know that you did a great job caring for your mother. She is proud of you and I love you and your family.##imported-begin##VALERIE JONES##imported-end##

May 23, 2008 at 06:53 PM



“ Diane,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your mother. God will always surround you with his loving arms.##imported-begin##Gloria Harris##imported-end##

May 23, 2008 at 11:29 AM



“ Diane,
May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. You and your Family are in my thoughts and prayers.

With sympathy,

JoAnn M. Stevenson##imported-begin##JoAnn M.
Stevenson##imported-end##

May 23, 2008 at 10:26 AM



“ Diane my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Judith Brinkley-White##imported-end##

May 23, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ Dear Diane,

Even though it's hard to accept losing a loved one. Know that your mother is at peace and is with our Father. As time goes by, it will get easier and you will be able to laugh at all the good times without that heaviness on your heart. Just wanted to let you know that you and yours are always in my prayers.

With Sympathy,

Bonnie Fisher##imported-begin##Bonnie Fisher##imported-end##

May 23, 2008 at 08:51 AM