



## Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey

June 12, 1957 - September 14, 2015

Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey, 58, of the 4100 block of Lakeview Drive was called home to be with the Lord on September 14, 2015. She was born in Portsmouth, Virginia. Marilyn was employed with Chesapeake Public Schools as Guidance Director at Deep Creek High School. She was a member of Community Presbyterian Church where she served as the Clerk of Session. Marilyn was also a member of Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Norfolk State University Alumni Association, and the American School Counselor Association.

Marilyn's memory will be cherished by her spouse of 36 years, Russell A. Drewrey; daughter, Geri M. Drewrey; son, Evan A. Drewrey; mother, Beatrice Hawkins; sisters, Dr. Patricia H. Fisher (Tony) and Shirley Hawkins- Brown (Darryl); brothers, Jack C. Hawkins, Jr. (Mildred) and Calvin S. Hawkins; a grandson, Xavier A. Drewrey and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. She was predeceased by her father, Jack C. Hawkins, Sr. and sister, Rita H. Holmes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation and Wake Service

SEP **18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Community Presbyterian Church  
801 Tazewell Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23701

## Service

SEP **19.** 2:00 PM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
2714 Frederick Blvd  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 18, 2015 at 11:39 AM

JJ

*Beautiful memories. I'll miss you my sweet Soror, my class mate ,and friend.*

*Love Joceyln Peet {Lady J}*

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**Joceyln Peet Lady J** - September 18, 2015 at 02:11 PM

KH

“ Kelsey Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**Kelsey Hawkins** - September 23, 2015 at 09:25 AM

DK

“ *May the Blessings of our Almighty God ensure you with the strength and enduring Faith to always be comforted knowing that Mrs. Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey is now on an eternal assignment and yet, just a prayer away. Great is Thy Faithfulness! She will always be with you until we all meet again.*



*Dr. J. Leon Knight*

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**Dr. J. Leon Knight** - September 19, 2015 at 04:16 PM

SG

“ *Shervon Green lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Shervon Green** - September 19, 2015 at 11:05 AM

FF

“ *Fontaine Ferebee-Johns lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Fontaine Ferebee-Johns** - September 19, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SF

“ Sharon Fisher lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



Sharon Fisher - September 19, 2015 at 09:58 AM

FF

To Russell, Pat and the extended Hawkins/Drewrey Family, We were so saddened and shocked at the news of Marilyn's passing. Marilyn was such a kind and gentle spirit. Her smile and laughter would light up a room. We're so happy that we were able to all be together and visit with each other a couple of months ago. Little did we know that God would call this beautiful angel home. As time passes by it is our hope that your cherished memories will bring you inner peace and that the Lord will give you strength to get through this difficult time.

Love,  
The Fisher and King Families

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted,"

Fisher Family - September 19, 2015 at 10:08 AM

 Elois Butler

“ What a privilege to have matriculated and worked with Maryland in the field of school counseling; always caring, kind, and professional. Her smile could brighten anyone's day.

May the grace, comfort, and peace of our Lord strengthen the Drewrey family during this tender season. Geri, this is your fifth grade teacher extending prayers especially to you.

Elois F. Butler, retired Portsmouth Public Schools

Elois Butler - September 19, 2015 at 08:17 AM

KD

“Mrs. Drewrey is a woman who has impacted so many during her life time. A woman of integrity, character, soft to speak, grace, loyalty, love, compassion, and incredible work ethic. I'm grateful for the time that God allowed me to share with her. As her secretary I had the pleasure of a nurtured relationship that wasn't just because we worked in the same office. Mrs. Drewrey spoke with wisdom, lived in confidence, loved with compassion, and laughed carelessly. Her contagious laugh couldn't do anything but make you smile and laugh as well. The tapestry of DCH won't ever be the same without her as a thread in it.



Mrs. Drewrey will forever live in our hearts. Her legacy is strong and can only be honored as those who love her live on and carry it with us every day. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, DCH family and all who have been touched by her life.

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**Karrin Drake** - September 19, 2015 at 07:54 AM

AS

“To the family of Mrs. Drewrey, Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted". I pray in the name of Jesus, that God wraps His loving arms of protection around the entire family during this difficult time. I got to know Mrs. Drewrey working at Deep Creek High School. I'm blessed to say she became like a second mom to me. I truly thank God for all the beautiful memories I have of her. I will always remember her smile. I will miss our talking in her office, her advice, and even getting out of bed early on a Saturday morning to administer the SATS for her. She was an exceptional person who will be truly missed.

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**Amanda Sammon** - September 18, 2015 at 11:45 PM

KD

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**Karrin Drake** - September 18, 2015 at 10:16 PM

TW

“To the Drewrey/Hawkins/Fisher Family,

My the peace of our Lord comfort you and your family during this time. Marilyn and I taught together here in Portsmouth Public Schools. She was a nice and kind lady who loved children. I will always remember the good times we shared working together on behalf of the children here in Portsmouth. Mr. Drewrey, may our Lord comfort you and your family during this time.



Timothy Johnson, principal - Woodrow Wilson High School -  
Portsmouth, VA

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**Timothy Johnson, principal WWHS** - September 18, 2015 at 04:35 PM

MK

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.  
Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff and the Chesapeake City Council*

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**Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff** - September 18, 2015 at 02:01 PM

RC

“ *Marilyn was a wonderful, warm, funny lady. I enjoyed sitting with her in her office at DCHS and discussing life. She was so positive that she brightened my day when I talked to her. I know she will be missed and I will think of her often.*  
*Rosemary Curtis*  
*Retired DCHS teacher*

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**Rosemary Curtis** - September 18, 2015 at 01:05 PM

  
Costella  
Williams

“ *To the family of Marilyn.,  
Offering our deepest and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of such a bright shining star. You will remain in our prayers. Pat and Nichol, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister and aunt. Please God strengthen this family to endure this pain and sadness.*

*Junius and Costella Williams*

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**Costella Williams** - September 18, 2015 at 11:40 AM



JJ

“ *John And Gwendolyn Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*

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**John and Gwendolyn jenkins** - September 18, 2015 at 10:09 AM



VS

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the Drewrey/Hawkins Family, Marilyn has always had a warm spirit. PEACE and BLESSINGS*  
*Val. Saunders*



**Val Saunders** - September 18, 2015 at 09:34 AM

OD

“ *i have known Marilyn for many years she was such a nice person indeed, We both graduated from high school together and attended the same church and worked in Portsmouth Public Schools. My classmate she will be dearly missed,*  
*Olivia Adamson Delk*

**Olivia Adamson Delk** - September 18, 2015 at 09:12 AM

KJ

“ *Kathryn James lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



**Kathryn James** - September 18, 2015 at 07:38 AM

JM

“ *Joy McDonald lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



**Joy McDonald** - September 18, 2015 at 07:06 AM

KM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Marilyn at Churchland High School many years ago. She was very quick to help me, as the new counselor, learn how to be the counselor that the students needed. Marilyn taught by example. Her easy smile with all she met, her infectious laughter, and her incredible work ethic drew me to seek out her friendship and guidance. I, in later years, had the pleasure of working for Marilyn at DHCS. It was if we had never lost touch. We were once again laughing, sharing stories, offering support, being wonderful colleagues and friends. May you take with you the many happy memories you have of Marilyn, and the memories of others time with her, and be at peace knowing she touched so many of us. God Bless you all.  
Karen Marchetti

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**Karen Marchetti** - September 18, 2015 at 06:03 AM

DJ

“ Darlene Jackson-Jones lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**Darlene Jackson-Jones** - September 18, 2015 at 12:35 AM

SH

“ There are few people in this life who radiate genuine compassion and joy just by being in their midst. Marilyn was one of those individuals. I cannot tell you the overwhelming shock and grief that came upon me upon hearing that Marilyn had left us to exchange earthly time for heavenly eternity. She was instrumental in the success of my daughter at Deep Creek High School and her care and guidance shall never be forgotten. She was surely a light in this world that glorified her Father in Heaven. I thank God for allowing me to have the opportunity to know this great woman and educator. May God bless her family.



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**Sandi Hutchinson** - September 17, 2015 at 10:58 PM

SH

“ Sandi Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**Sandi Hutchinson** - September 17, 2015 at 10:43 PM

AB

“ Angela (Austin) Baker lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**Angela (Austin) Baker** - September 17, 2015 at 08:45 PM

PH

“ *Pam Hunter lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Pam Hunter** - September 17, 2015 at 07:00 PM

GM

“ *Gayle M. Gilmore, Greenbrier M.S. lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Gayle M. Gilmore, Greenbrier M.S.** - September 17, 2015 at 06:11 PM

FV

“ *WORKED WITH MRS. DREWRY AND WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER KIND WAY AND SMILE*



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**frances vernon** - September 17, 2015 at 04:33 PM

 Anna Cross

“ *Sending my sincere sympathy and deepest condolences to family and loved ones.*

*Anna Cross*

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**Anna Cross** - September 17, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ Dear Russell and family, I was shocked and saddened to read of Marilyn's passing. From our earliest encounters at Churchland High School, I always found her to be warm and compassionate and a true confidante. I will always remember her extraordinary work ethic, her love for the job, and her ability to work with all of our students. She always able to provide such wonderful advice and was so patient with us, as teachers. May the good memories you and your family have of her sustain you in the difficult days and weeks ahead. Sending warm thoughts your way. Until we meet again, my dear friend, Marilyn, rest in peace!

Marvin Fanny Jr. - September 17, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ Malessa York Smith lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



Malessa York Smith - September 17, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ It has truly been an honor to have known Mrs. Drewrey. She was a phenomenal woman who exemplified great professionalism at all times. There was nothing plain about her. Everything was impeccable about her down down to her nails. Even on her dress down days her stride was sharp! She was a role model for her professional coworkers as well as the students. Her legacy will always be respected as well as remembered. May God's Peace keep you through this difficult time.

Tyra Young-Ruffin

Tyra Young-Ruffin - September 17, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.*



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September 17, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ *Arlene Mattai lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Arlene Mattai** - September 17, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arlene Mattau lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey*



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**Arlene Mattau** - September 17, 2015 at 10:34 AM



*Dear Drewrey /Hawkins family, I was saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing. Please accept my condolences in the loss of our loved one. May your family and you find comfort and peace in knowing that others care.*

*Sorrowfully, Ms. Arlene Mattai - Former DPHS /SPED Educator.*

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**Arlene Mattai** - September 17, 2015 at 10:37 AM

RG

“ *The Drewery Family,*  
*I was blessed to have worked with Marilyn as a long term substitute for a number of years. She was an inspiration to all. She will be missed, but her spirit will live on forever.*

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**Rita Griffin** - September 17, 2015 at 09:21 AM

CD

“ *Chesapeake Public School's Guidance Department purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.*



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**Chesapeake Public School's Guidance Department** -  
September 17, 2015 at 08:03 AM

MZ

“ *To the Drewery Family,*

*I had the amazing pleasure of working with Marilyn at Churchland High School in the guidance department. She was a wonderful, and the most sweetest counselor, friend.*

*She made my first years at Churchland High as the guidance clerk very much enjoyable, I so much enjoyed her warm spirit, beautiful smile. May your love from friends and family help you during this time of grief. Always remember you have a special angel watching over you . Mr. Drewrey, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this miost difficult time.*

*Michelle Zemienieuski*  
*Guidance Clerk*  
*Churchland High School*

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**Michelle Zemienieuski** - September 17, 2015 at 07:35 AM



CS

“ Marilyn,  
My life is richer because I knew you. I was fortunate to work with you and blessed to be able to call you a friend. Your faith, your family pride, and your love of faculty and students was evident daily. You and your family will always be in my heart and prayers.

Chris S-Babb

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**Chris Sperelakis-Babb** - September 17, 2015 at 06:42 AM

CS

“ I was saddened to hear of Marilyn's passing. She was a person who showed real concern. Marilyn made you feel important as she listened intently and gently offered advice. I will miss her warm smile and easygoing manner. My condolences to Marilyn's beautiful family.

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**Claudia Ramsey Stephenson** - September 16, 2015 at 10:09 PM

MG

“ To the family of Marilyn, I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. May God continue to Bless you through your time of need. Marilyn and I went to jr. High and High School together. I live down the street from her. Use to walk to school together. A very good person.  
Marcia Gallop

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**marcia gallop** - September 16, 2015 at 09:07 PM

SD

“ My life has truly been blessed by having known Marilyn. I've had to work very closely with her the past 12 years concerning schedule changes each new school year, and this year took so much longer than normal. 3 hours one day, another hour the next! She was so patient and kind any time I had to ask for her help. What a beautiful soul who will be so, so missed!! My deepest sympathies to the family.

Sue Spear, DCHS - September 16, 2015 at 09:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.



September 16, 2015 at 03:45 PM

HD

“ Hickory High Guidance Department purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.



Hickory High Guidance Department - September 16, 2015 at 02:50 PM

DM

“ Regrets? Yes. I had not seen Marilyn in many years. We both played the Contrabass Clarinet in Manor's band when I was Senior and she was a Sophomore. Band practice, rides home, talking about Russell (wish I could say his name like she would, dragging out the L)! Off and on she had been on my mind for the last year and I wondered where she was. Even looked her up on Facebook to try to reconnect. RIP my little protoge'.

Doryce Moore - September 16, 2015 at 12:34 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.



September 16, 2015 at 10:32 AM

CJ

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Drewrey. In my time knowing you, you were always so caring and passionate to help students. My favorite memory with you was the day I met you. It was my first year as a high school career coach and we met to discuss ways I can effectively help students at Deep Creek. I was really nervous because it was one of my first meetings. Your beautiful smile and calm demeanor immediately put me at ease. You were wonderful and so easy to work with. You were one of the main reasons I always saw myself wanting to return to The Creek. I will miss you but know that God called an angel home.

Cheryl Johnson - September 16, 2015 at 09:51 AM

CL

“ On behalf of the Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., let me express our deepest condolences on the passing of Marilyn H. Drewrey. She will be remembered as a loving and faithful sorority sister. I pray that the many happy memories of Marilyn’s life with all of you will help you through this difficult time.  
Cynthia B. Lewis, President

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**Cynthia B. Lewis** - September 16, 2015 at 09:48 AM

MG

*My thoughts and prayers go out the family of Marilyn, very sorry to hear about your loss. I knew Marilyn from the neighborhood and school. May God continue to Bless your in their time of need. Marcia Gallop*

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**marcia gallop** - September 16, 2015 at 08:54 PM

SS

*My condolences to the Drewrey-Hawkins family! I will truly miss her. She was always professional, helpful and polite. It was impossible not to cooperate with her when she needed assistance in her department. I am sure she is at the presence of the Lord and may the Drewrey-Hawkins family find comfort and peace at this time!  
Sara Sanchez*

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**Sara Sanchez** - September 17, 2015 at 07:10 PM

TN

“ Russell, Geri, and the entire Drewrey-Hawkins family, we are so deeply saddened by Marilyn’s passing. She had the sweetest spirit and the warmest smile, and will be greatly missed. Heaven has definitely gained an angel. Much love and sympathy,  
Joseph and Tomia Brown

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**Tomia A. Newby-Brown** - September 15, 2015 at 11:16 PM

CC

“ Carolyn Cannon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey.



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**Carolyn Cannon** - September 15, 2015 at 09:26 PM

LM

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn that Marilyn has passed away. Marilyn was such a blessing to so many people and I always admired her from the time I was a young first year teacher in Portsmouth Public Schools and worked with her daughter at Churchland Middle School until I had the pleasure of working with her at Deep Creek High School. She was a phenomenal lady in all aspects of her life - mother, grandmother, wife, guidance counselor, friend, and all of the numerous roles and relationships she maintained through the years. She was an Earth Angel who always had a warm smile and made the time to help others see situations from all angles so she could help everyone come together with grace, poise, compassion, and dignity whether it was students or staff members. My deepest sympathies to all of her family on the loss of such a remarkable lady.



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**Laurie Belding Metzger** - September 15, 2015 at 01:52 PM

JH

“ My condolences to Marilyn's family. She was as kind a person as anyone would ever want to know. Not a day went by that I didn't see her smiling. Her positive attitude and gentle spirit made us all happier people. Love, Joan Harmon - Deep Creek High School



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**Joan Harmon** - September 15, 2015 at 08:36 AM

GH

“ Mrs Drewrey you were one of the greatest individuals that I have and ever will meet in my entire life. You always have a smile on your face. When I speak to student's I still use the phrase that you used one day to motivate kids to seize oppurtunities; "If I can't live for free, neither can you" My wife had the pleasure of knowing and working with you well before I even married her, and you touched her life in the same way. I know the good Lord has you in the arch of safety. God Bless Mrs Drewrey your memory will never fade.

*Gabriel Steven Hall*

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**Gabriel Hall** - September 15, 2015 at 08:28 AM

FS

“ Faculty And Staff Deep Creek High School lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Hawkins Drewrey



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**Faculty and Staff Deep Creek High School** - September 15, 2015 at 08:26 AM

DB

“Marilyn was such an integral part of the daily operations of Deep Creek High School and her presence will truly be missed by the students she served and the faculty she helped. No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. But take comfort in knowing that Marilyn is now resting in the arms of our Lord. My deepest condolences to the family and may you find comfort and peace in the days and weeks that lie ahead.

*Debbie Beck*

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**Debbie Beck** - September 15, 2015 at 08:24 AM

VF

“My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I only knew Marilyn for 3 weeks in the Deep Creek Guidance Department as she was my new director and mentor this school year. It only took me 3 weeks to know how everyone there grew to love and respect her. No matter what I needed or what she was doing, she would stop for me to ask questions or just talk. Her smile, laugh, and caring attitude towards me and the entire school and community shined through every day. I was lucky to say I had the opportunity to know her and work with her during this short time and I will definitely miss her. Thank you Marilyn for teaching me the Creek way.

*Sincerely,*

*Valerie Firth  
Deep Creek Guidance Counselor*

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**Valerie Firth** - September 15, 2015 at 05:09 AM

MS

“My first time meeting Marilyn was at a Guidance Directors Meeting. It was easy getting to know her because she was always so approachable with a warm and sweet disposition. Always willing to help me, she was a nice and caring friend. May GOD comfort and strengthen all who knew her”.

*Malessa York Smith*

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**Malessa York Smith** - September 14, 2015 at 07:15 PM

CW

“Our hearts are deeply sadden as we bid farewell to our sister in Christ . A beautiful person , friend and devout church member. Our condolences to The entire Russell , and Hawkins family  
Crystal Wilder & Ashley Wilder

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**crystal wilder** - September 14, 2015 at 05:55 PM

MC

“ I will always remember when I was Marilyn,s neighbor at Yorkshire apartments. Marilyn was always an encouraging person. A brilliant guidance counselor getting her start at Churchland High school. Marilyn and Russell supported their friends. They were long time customers of mine at MaRieas Barber shop. I remember how happy Marilyn was to become a mother. I will always thank God for placing the Hawkins and Drewrey family in my path.

*MaRiea Artis Cross*

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**MaRiea Artis Cross** - September 14, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Marilyn's family. She was always supportive and positive to all of us and I ask that God will bring you peace in this time of loss. I have many memories of Marilyn and her love of helping students. Sincerely, Page Bagley*

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**J. Page Bagley** - September 14, 2015 at 12:44 PM