



Ophelia Scales

December 15, 1924 - February 17, 2018

Ophelia Scales was born in Portsmouth, Virginia December 15, 1924 to the late George and Dara Drumgold Pair and received her elementary and secondary education from the Portsmouth Public Schools.

Ophelia was united in Holy Matrimony to the late James Lee Scales, Sr. in 1953. She received Christ as her personal Savior at Mount Herman Baptist Temple at an early age and later united with Third Baptist Church where she was a member until her death.

She was a dedicated community servant for the March of Dimes and was an employee for the City of Portsmouth Parks and Recreation where she co-supervised and planned numerous events and tournaments. This experience grew into her passion to own and operate Ophelia's Daycare for several years. On June 15, 1990, Ophelia retired after 25 years from Custodian Services at W.E. Waters Junior High School. Ophelia was a member of The Order of Eastern Stars, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Ophelia took her last breath on earth, and her first breath in Heaven on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11 :02 p.m. in the Maryview Medical Center. She loved her family dearly and was not only our matriarch, but also our champion, mentor, peacemaker, protector, warrior, nurse, doctor, friend, advisor, our First Lady, and Queen.

Preceding her in death was her daughter, Carlene Lily, and son, Garland Price.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory five daughters: Lynes Reid of Portsmouth, Virginia, Ardenia Lane of Portsmouth, Virginia, Unice Franklin (Marcus) of Stafford, Virginia, Phyllis Brown (Maurice) of Bel Air, Maryland, and Ivory Johnson (Clayton) of Augusta, Georgia; three sons: James L. Scales, Jr. (Valerie) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Kenneth Scales, Sr. (Lackie) of Suffolk, Virginia, and Victor Scales (Felicia) of Gates County, North Carolina; son-in-law Robert Lily Jr. of Chicago, IL; one brother-in-law, Thomas Scales, Sr. of Goldsboro, North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Adelaide Scales of Portsmouth, Virginia; 18 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hampton VA National Cemetery

VAMC, Emancipation Drive
Hampton, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Service

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (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 Ophelia Scales



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 25, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ To my Cousins-

I was saddened to read my brother's text message this past Thursday about Aunt Ophelia's passing. The Lord God is with you today. I pray that each of you will be undoubtedly aware of His Presence, Peace, and Strength as He wraps you in His Love today and in the days to come.

~Shavaughn Melton

Shavaughn Melton - February 26, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ Growing up I always looked forward to going to Grandma's house for the summer. And as I got older I could always call my Grandma and tell her anything. She was always sweet, gentle, and loving. I'll miss you Grandma. LaNesha & family.

LaNesha - February 25, 2018 at 11:39 AM

PB

“ My family celebrated our Mom's 90th birthday three years ago and choose the theme that best suited what she meant to us which was "Live, Laugh and Love". Days before her passing, a nurse came into her hospital room and commented that she always has such a pleasant smile on her face. She replied "I was always taught that the best thing you can give to another person is a smile". As the ninth of ten children, I had to learn to share my mother's love with not only siblings and family but numerous people that came in and out of her life. I know that her legacy will continue. "LOVE NEVER FAILS"

Phyllis Brown - February 25, 2018 at 10:11 AM

ER

“ Grandma we love you and we are going miss you so much Love You. Wally Emma Briana and Maria

Emma Reid - February 24, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 24, 2018 at 11:29 AM

AR

“ *Truely sorry to hear the passing of your beloved mother.Keeping you all in prayer. Angela Roberson*

Angela Roberson - February 23, 2018 at 09:45 PM

JS

“ *Joint Project Manager Guardian Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ophelia Scales.*



Joint Project Manager Guardian Staff - February 23, 2018 at 03:36 PM

RC

“ *RCTQS and C105.4 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ophelia Scales.*



RCTQS and C105.4 - February 23, 2018 at 02:36 PM

CM

“ *Mrs. Ophelia was one of the best neighbors we could have lived beside. She always had a beautiful and adoring smile on her face. Be blessed because GOD chose his beautiful flower at this time and I know she is resting in his loving arms. Prayerfully Cynthia Mapp*



CYNTHIA MAPP(TEENIE) - February 23, 2018 at 08:08 AM

IJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ivory Johnson - February 22, 2018 at 07:47 PM

AS

“ Sorry to hear of your family's lost. Pour out your feelings to the God who promises to comfort our hearts. (2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17) ”

Angela Senegal - February 22, 2018 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ Mrs. Scales (Hutch) you planted good seed. You fought a good fight and you have won the race.

Darlene Williams - February 21, 2018 at 04:37 PM

MB

Mom, the best mother-in-law.

She always welcomed your visits, telephone calls and conversations in the most delightful way. Her laughter displayed her philosophy for life "Live, Laugh and Love".

Just one of the many son-in laws, loving thoughts.

Maurice Brown - February 25, 2018 at 11:44 AM