



Retha Rollins

July 27, 1927 - June 19, 2016

Retha Knight Rollins was born July 27, 1927 to the late Reba Bullock and Richard Barnes in Tarboro, NC where she attended public school. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell Rollins; two brothers James Barnes, Richard Barnes; two sisters Ruth De Palm, Dora Robertson, one grandson Earl Harris, and one great grand daughter Tiera Oliver. Mrs. Rollins was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church for over fifty years and was active with the Fifty Plus Ministry, Mary V. Johnson Ministry, and Crusaders until her health began to fail. A loyal friend, she always had an upbeat spirit and helping hand.

Mrs. Rollins enjoyed making all kinds of cakes, which she shared with her doctors, service personnel, and neighbors. She was considered the neighborhood "Candy Lady" for many years. Children, as well as adults, flocked to her back door for a bar of candy or a freeze pop. An excellent cook, she always had a hot meal waiting on Sunday afternoon for family and friends. She made the best sweet tea in Cavalier Manor, which she often gave away. Mrs. Rollins worked for many years for Watts Market as a cashier and for Earle's Market in the produce department. She also worked as a driver for senior citizens, cheerfully taking them to appointments and events.

Mrs. Rollins is survived by three daughters: Betty Watkins, Sylvia Rollins of Portsmouth, VA, and Gloria Branton (James) of Virginia Beach; one son Shawn Rollins; grandchildren, Lisa Watkins, Anita Stewart (Dean), Seana Oliver (Kenneth), Yvonne Mills, Lateefah Ahmed, Tyrhee Branton, Bakari

Branton, Ralph Rollins, and Angel Branton; fourteen great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. She has several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Our mother, grandmother, and beloved family member and friend will be greatly missed.

The family wishes to thank the nurses of Compassionate Care Hospice for their kindness and concern for our loved one, and Chaplain Johnson, Pastor LeRoy Hill, Jr., Deacon Maurice Watts, Sr., Deacon Frank James, Jr. for their prayers.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
728 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere sympathy to the family Retha was a beautiful person I will always remember the wonderful and giving person she was my friend prayers are with the family. Gwendolyn Sinclair and family.*

Gwen Sinclair - June 23, 2016 at 07:33 AM

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“ *Miss Jackie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Retha Rollins*



Miss Jackie Freeman - June 23, 2016 at 12:08 AM

MF

“ *Rip Mrs. Retail Rollins Love You*



Miss Jackie Freeman - June 23, 2016 at 12:05 AM

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Such a sweet and compassionate woman, wife, mother. We love her.

Ron allen - June 28, 2016 at 09:04 PM

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Ron and Zee Allen wish the family condolences. Aunt Retha was a sweet, compassionate, giving and kind. We will miss her kindness.

Ron allen - June 28, 2016 at 09:10 PM