



Rosetta Hardy

June 22, 1938 - May 13, 2024

After over a decade of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia, Rosetta Hardy passed away peacefully in her sleep, transitioning from labor to reward.

Born in Nansemond County, Rosetta was the youngest daughter of seven children to the late Sarah Frances Edwards and Henry Edwards. She received a formal education from Crestwood High School. Rosetta dedicated many years of her life to serving others, starting with her work in school custodial services and extending into the restaurant industry. She found fulfillment in helping those around her and brought warmth and care to every task she undertook. Her commitment to making a difference through service leaves a legacy of kindness and generosity.

She gave her life to Christ at a young age and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church where she took her children every Sunday. At church, she loved to don an ornate hat. Although she did not fancy herself a singer, she never shied away from singing praises to the Lord. Even through her bedrest days, she still hummed and moved her feet along to her favorite song, "The Upper Room" by Mahalia Jackson.

Rosetta was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She adored her large family and found joy and fellowship through cooking. Preparing a variety of dishes, she delighted in watching others savor her

collard greens, potato salad, and cakes. She loved to laugh, regularly dedicating hours to lively phone conversations with her sister during the early hours of the morning. She was the most hospitable, always welcoming anyone into her home from her children's friends, her neighbors, and even the "insurance man." Her affection for children was evident, and she took immense pride in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, ensuring everyone recognized their significance. She liked to travel including weekend road trips to Maryland to visit her youngest daughter, and even a flight to Atlanta, Georgia to visit her oldest granddaughter.

Rosetta was predeceased by her sister Elsie Dixon, and her brothers James H. Edwards, McKinley Edwards, Joe Thomas Edwards, and Percell Edwards, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memories: her brother Walter Gould of Chestnut Ridge, NY. and her seven children: Loretta Earl (David) of Portsmouth, VA, Sharon Drewery of Chesapeake, VA, Louis Hardy Jr. (Lonna) of Suffolk, VA, Sandra Edmonds of Aberdeen, MD, Timothy Hardy, Sr. of Suffolk, VA, and twin sons Carneil Hardy of Suffolk, VA and Darnell Hardy of Chesapeake, VA. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Rosetta valued relationships and treated everyone like family. She was a loving and giving friend to all. She will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery (Pughsville)

Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (Pughsville)
4260 Pughsville Road
Suffolk, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosetta Hardy



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 17, 2025 at 07:20 PM



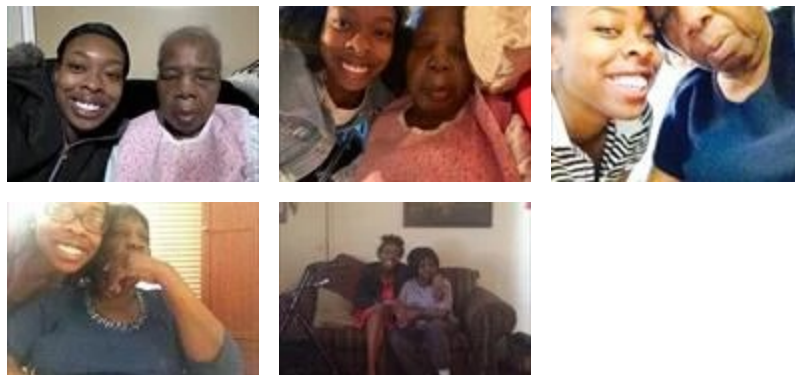
“ Rest well Mother Hardy! Sending prayers & hugs. 💖🌸🕊️



Desirée Angela - May 29, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ Grandma, I love you so much. I'll miss you forever. I can't wait to see you again ❤️



Jasmine Hardy - May 20, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Ward lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Hardy*



Jeanette Ward - May 20, 2024 at 09:21 AM

GH

“ *Aunt Rosetta has rose in her name. She is a rose. My dad would tell how my grandmother, Sarah Edwards, would be kind to people- even the less fortunate. Kindness runs in our bloodline. Aunt Rosetta fully manifested outwardly the inward grace that God gave her. To her descendants I say, "Well done". I am happy to call you "cousins".*

-G. Yvette Edwards-Hill

Gwendolyn Y Hill - May 18, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KE

“ *“My Girl”. Grandma’s favorite song by The Temptations. I played it for her each time I visited from Georgia several times a year. Grandma was and forever will be...my girl. ❤️*



Kelly Earl - May 18, 2024 at 12:12 AM

DJ

“ Dr's. Lawrence and Erica Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosetta Hardy.

Dr's. Lawrence and Erica Jones - May 17, 2024 at 03:12 PM

DJ

“ Dr's. Lawrence and Erica Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rosetta Hardy.



Dr's. Lawrence and Erica Jones - May 17, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Janika Drewery - May 17, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Janika Drewery - May 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM

PB

“ We are sending our sincere condolences to the family. This comes from the Killebrew family formally from Pughsville and we also went to New Hope Baptist Church. We know the family and we went to school with some her family member, and we went to the same Church also. Sending prayers and Blessing to encourage the family to keep looking to Jesus for hew is always nearby. God only picks the best and he did it. May God Bless and keep you all in his loving arms. This comes from our family The Killebrew: Patricia, Sandra, Deborah, Phil, Gloria, Mary Helen (Killebrew)

PATRICIA ANN BLACKMORE - May 17, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CE

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Cindy R. Earl - May 17, 2024 at 08:19 AM

DP

“ You have our condolences to the family she had a beautiful spirit every time I seen her she was always smiling and talking about the Lord Rest In Heaven 🙏

Denise Peoples - May 16, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 16, 2024 at 08:30 PM

RH

“ On Monday, May 13, a part of me left this world behind. I know that heaven is a beautiful place but on Monday it became so much more beautiful. I know that God knows what’s best and He took One of the best to be with Him. My heart is broken, but I know that God is able to heal the broken heart. Take your rest Mom until we meet again! I love you!!!



Rev. Carneil Hardy - May 16, 2024 at 05:27 PM

RR

“ Ri Ri sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosetta Hardy



Ri Ri - May 16, 2024 at 04:15 PM

RR

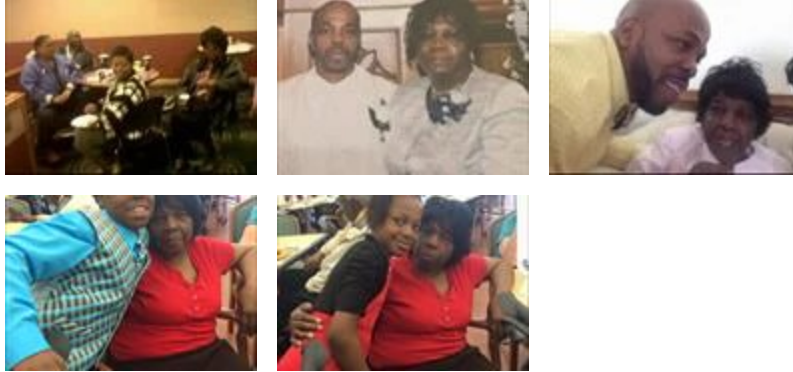
“ Ri Ri lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Hardy



Ri Ri - May 16, 2024 at 04:14 PM

CA

“ On Monday a part of me left this world behind. I already knew that Heaven was a beautiful place but on Monday it became so much more beautiful to me. I look forward to that Great Getting Up day when we will be reunited again!



CARNETL - May 16, 2024 at 04:10 PM

RR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ri Ri - May 16, 2024 at 03:57 PM

RR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ri Ri - May 16, 2024 at 03:56 PM

CE

“ 1 file added to the album *Family*



Cindy R. Earl - May 16, 2024 at 02:00 PM

CE

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories*



Cindy R. Earl - May 16, 2024 at 09:04 AM

CE

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Cindy R. Earl - May 16, 2024 at 09:03 AM

MT

“ Marilyn Thomas-Wahl lit a candle in memory of Rosetta Hardy



Marilyn Thomas-Wahl - May 16, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *I thank God for our mom, she was our first Sunday school teacher. I think before I knew my ABC's mom taught us the Lord's prayer. Mom was a living example of God's love. I am hurt that God called her home, but I know he doesn't make any mistakes. As mom always taught us. Take your rest now mom until we meet again.*

Darnell Hardy - May 16, 2024 at 12:57 AM



“ *To the Hardy and extended family , I'm sorry to learn of the passing of your loved one. May GOD strengthen and keep you in HIS care. Fr: Lloyd Howell*

Lloyd Howell - May 15, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Family*



Cindy R. Earl - May 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM