



Delores Octavia Gaines

May 24, 1933 - October 28, 2016

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”

II Timothy 4:7

Delores Octavia Peters Gaines quietly passed away on October 28, 2016 at Genesis Healthcare in Seaford, Delaware. Born in Quantico, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Pauline Peters, raised by the late Raymond and Inez Smiley. She was the widow of late Lloyd O’Connell Gaines. They shared 59 years of marriage and from this union they raised 5 children together.

Delores affectionately called “Mom”, “Mom-Mom” or “Mom Lois”, by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and commonly known by all as “Mrs. Gaines”, “Aunt Lois” and “Lois-ee Pete” was committed to family and helping others.

Delores received her early education at Owens Corner Elementary School in Columbia, Delaware, Paul Laurence Dunbar Junior High in Laurel, Delaware and William C. Jason High School in Georgetown, Delaware. Delores pursued her higher education at Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina and Delaware State College in Dover, Delaware, where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education.

Delores began her professional career teaching at Owens Corner Elementary School in Columbia, Delaware. She then transferred to Milford Elementary School in Milford, Delaware. After 32 years of teaching, Delores retired, but she continued to remain active in the education community, serving as Director at the Coverdale Crossroads Daycare in Seaford, Delaware, until her health declined.

Delores was a member of Mount Nebo United Methodist Church in Columbia, Delaware, where she served as the President of the United Methodist Women, President of the Membership Committee and President of the Administrative Board. Delores also served as a Lay Leader and joyfully sang on the choir and also played the piano.

Delores was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Queen of Sheba Chapter #4, where she served as Worthy Matron. She also served as President of the Sharptown American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit #269.

Those who shared the joy of life with Delores and remain to cherish her memories include: three sons, Cordell Davis (Debbie) of Seaford, DE, Russell Davis (Diane) of Orlando, FL and Mario Peters of Newport News, VA; two daughters, April Gaines of Columbia, DE and Lolita Peters of Jacksonville, NC; two god-daughters, Betty Jean Fooks of Salisbury, MD and Deanna Smiley-Morris of Copperas Cove, TX; one brother, Floyd "Pee Wee" Peters (Mamie) of Jacksonville, NC; one devoted cousin, Rosamae Smith Frazier (David) of Delmar, DE; one special granddaughter, Tashawna Gaines of Delmar, DE; one devoted nephew, Jeffrey Smiley; 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and acquaintances.

Preceding her in death were two brothers Charles "John Dee" Peters and Phillip Mitchell.
Sorrowfully Submitted With Love ~ The Family

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. The bible gives us hope of being reunited with our loved ones again during the resurrection of the dead. (John 5:28&29) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may the GOD of all comfort give you peace.

Doretha Sampson - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences on your loss. May the words at Revelation 21:4 give you some comfort during this difficult time. Soon our enemy death will be no more.

Y. McBeath - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM