



## Esther Ann Jones

November 23, 1948 - February 7, 2020

Esther Ann Jones was born on November 23, 1948 in Salisbury, Maryland. She departed this life on Friday, February 7, 2020 in Long Beach, California due to complications from a prolonged illness.

Esther was preceded in death by Charlie and May Gale, who adopted and raised her from infancy, and her biological mother Pauline King.

She was educated in the Wicomico County school system, graduating from the former Salisbury High School. Esther entered the work force of the former Campbell Soup Company. Later she married the late Nathaniel Jones, who joined the United States Army. Ultimately, their travels took them to California, which was their place of residency at the time of his retirement from military service.

After her husband's death, Esther maintained her residency in Long Beach, California. She was employed in retail at J.C. Penny, until her retirement.

Esther was a quiet, kind and gentle-spirited person who enjoyed solitude, and was quite comfortable with herself. She enjoyed family, going to the movies and watching her favorite television shows.

Esther is survived by: her siblings, Willie King (Donna), Shirley Mae White,

Robert Collier (Ethel) and Rosemary Davis; two cherished and devoted cousins, Peggy Carter and Tyann Roberts, who maintained their relationships in spite of the distance, especially by telephone and her memory will also be cherished by a host of other relatives.

Esther did not succumb to her prolonged illness, however, without a fight. Throughout her ordeal, she never complained. Esther shared her illness with very few, in order to spare her family and friends emotional pain.

Esther will be forever cherished and greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family