



Hazel Geneva Stoute

June 11, 1948 - May 13, 2021

HAZEL'S JOURNEY...

Hazel Geneva Stoute quietly departed this life on Thursday evening, May 13, 2021 at St John's Hospital in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Hazel was born to the late Doris and George Baines in Exmore, Virginia on June 11, 1948. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, and cruising with her family and friends. Hazel was a very private but loving and caring person. Hazel was also lauded by all for her exceptional cooking skills and savory meals, especially her oxtails with peas and rice, and "crack" chicken. The girl could cook!

Hazel was educated in the Northampton County, Virginia school system through high school graduation in 1966. She briefly attended Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore) in Princess Anne, Maryland. Afterwards, in 1968, she traveled to New York in pursuit of employment in the medical and social services-related career fields. Upon completion of several Professional Development Courses, she became a Registered Medical Assistant.

At the time of her transition, Hazel was employed with The Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, New York, where she was employed for thirty-five years. Hazel received several accolades for her work. However, most notably was the recognition she received from the State of New York (2019) for her tireless

efforts, advocacy, and supervisory leadership as part of The Children's Village team. Hazel often cited that she was inspired to "try" this work because of her mother's spirit of giving and community service. To that end, Hazel spent over three decades on the frontline with that same commitment and love for children and families at The Children's Village Residential Treatment Facility Cottage on the Dobbs Ferry Campus. Her skills in responding to children and de-escalating dangerous situations were often recognized and celebrated by the multiple staff she interacted with and mentored as Cottage supervisor. Her impact was also acknowledged by the thousand of teens and families she encountered, many of whom have kept in contact with her and credited her for pouring into their lives. The late Earl Simmons "aka' DMX was one of those teens who often returned to visit her as an alumnus of the Cottage.

Hazel's life and legacy will be cherished by: three sons, Kenneth O'Brian (Chiyuki) Baines of Miami FL, Anthony Stoute (Liz) of Clifton, NJ and Kevin (Jasmin) Stoute of New York, NY; four grandchildren, Mariana Stoute, Aaron Duncan, Jhesani Stoute and Khaijae Stoute and one great-grandchild, Aaron Moser Duncan. Hazel's memory will also be treasured by: three sisters, Juanita (James) Fletcher of New Castle, DE, Mildred (Garland) Hayward of Princess Anne, MD and Barbara (Preston) Giddens of Fayetteville, NC; three brothers, Wayne Baines and Andrew (Linda) Baines, both of Westover, MD and Edmund Baines of Charlotte, NC; one great-aunt, Lillie Ayers (107 years old) of Painter, VA; one aunt, Lena (Lorenzo) Cropper of Westover, MD; one uncle, Earl (Sheila) Richardson of Salisbury, MD; several nieces, nephews and a host of other family and friends.

In addition to her parents, George and Doris Baines, Hazel was preceded in death by her sister, Phanorris (Tiny) Baines and brothers, George, Charles and Fred Weatherly.

SORROWFULLY SUBMITTED WITH ENDLESS LOVE,
THE FAMILY OF HAZEL GENEVA STOUTE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Princess Anne
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Live Stream Broadcast Benniesfh Salisbury on Facebook

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Hazel Geneva Stoute*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 28, 2021 at 01:19 PM



JM

“ *Jasmine Mack lit a candle in memory of Hazel Geneva Stoute*



Jasmine Mack - May 28, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. As a colleague from back in the day to becoming a friend and for awhile 'her boss' as she put it, she was special. Her sense of humor, sarcasm, laughter, 'attitude' and gingerbread will be missed. Yea, many loved the cornbread, but I got my own personal 1/2 pan of gingerbread!! She wanted to do things her way and as this was a shock to us all, she did it...her way. To the family, despite the time she gave to the job, she LOVED every one of you and saying farewell is never easy. Rest in Peace Ms. Stoute!!!*
-Michael Garcia, former VP Residential Services and longtime sparring partner!!

Michael Gee - May 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DM

“ It was my pleasure and honor to have worked with Hazel for over 22 years at Children's Village. She helped guide me when I was a young(ish) Unit Director and was a trusted colleague in all the years since. She gave herself wholeheartedly to the youth, families and staff and had an impact on so many lives. Her work will continue to live on in all the lives she touched.

Dan Melnick

Daniel Melnick - May 28, 2021 at 12:11 PM

PM

“ Hazel can only be described as one of a kind. Her beautiful spirit and strong dedication to what she loved showed up every time you would see her. She showed me the ropes at Children's Village and most importantly she became my good friend. We would act alike at times, so much that another staff there nicknamed me “Hazel” after her. I took it as the ultimate compliment. Hazel, we were just acting up and being silly with each other like we always did days before you transitioned. I'm missing you, and will always cherish and love you. To the precious family, my prayers go up for you and ask the Holy Spirit to comfort you during this difficult time.

Patricia Mims - May 28, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JJ

“ There are so many times when your bossy ways have made me frown and complain. However you have always brought out the best in me. You were the best supervisor one could have ever had. You have inspired me and is a true leader. Sleep In Peace.



Joycelyn Joseph-McBride - May 27, 2021 at 05:16 PM

TH

“ *Tricia Holness-Morgan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hazel Geneva Stoute.*



Tricia Holness-Morgan - May 27, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DA

“ *Debby and Al purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Hazel Geneva Stoute.*



Debby and Al - May 27, 2021 at 11:31 AM

FL

“ *From Sandy and Lamont purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hazel Geneva Stoute.*



From Sandy and Lamont - May 27, 2021 at 12:14 AM

PR

“ *What a big personality she was! Family and children were very important to her. Her playful, yet no-nonsense presence will surely be missed most by her family but with her peers and the children she cared for as well. Rest in Peace Hazel. Lovingly, Gus, Paulette & Shiloh*



Paulette Rivers - May 26, 2021 at 11:35 AM

NH

“ A very special angel got her wings and her name is Hazel Stoute. Words can not describe the sadness in my heart after I heard of the passing of my dear friend. You will be greatly missed here at CV and I will always remember your laugh and jokes. SIP my dear friend, I won't say Good Bye but See you Later.
Nanci



Nancy Hernandez - May 24, 2021 at 01:35 PM

TW

I've known Hazel since she arrived at CV March "86,"she was always straight forward,we had our disagreements,however it never affected our friendship,we last spoke during the month of April during our conversation we simply talked about what was going on in our lives,after a brief conversation we both agreed we'll stay in touch,Stoute was forever getting on my case when I stopped by her cottage asking for a plate of a delicious meal she'd prepared, Stoute you'll be missed!

Terrell A. Woolfolk - May 24, 2021 at 09:00 PM

RE

“ Hazel Stoute brought a sense of urgency to her direct child care duties and supervisory responsibilities She was called to make a positive difference in the lives of the young men entrusted to her care at The Children's Village. Hazel had high standards for herself, staff and most importantly the young men. She believed strongly in the self worth of each person. Hazel could be counted on in good times and bad. Her staying power to see a task to its successful completion was remarkable. Hazel made a profound and lasting difference in the lives of thousands of young men and staff that were lucky enough to cross paths with her at The Children's Village. I was one of the lucky ones! Regis G. McDonald

Regis - May 24, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MU

“ *May The Creator welcome you with open arms for the work that you did here on this realm. May your light continue to shine as the love you emitted continue to spread to all those that you touched.*



Mustafa - May 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM

LI

“ *Ms. Stoute not only raised generations of young men in Butler Cottage, but she also raised generations of child welfare workers, including me. She taught me about compassion, tough love, respect, and fed our minds, hearts, and bellies. She will be deeply missed, and the culture she created and the lessons she taught us will live on.*

Lia - May 24, 2021 at 10:02 AM

SH

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the family. You will forever be in our hearts. Butler Cottage will never be the same without you!! Rest In Peace.*

Shawn - May 22, 2021 at 02:42 PM

SH

“ *Shawn lit a candle in memory of Hazel Geneva Stoute*



Shawn - May 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM