



Kay Francis Slacum

July 12, 1937 - March 1, 2025

KAY'S STORY...

Kay Francis Slacum, at the age of eighty-seven (87), departed this life peacefully on March 1, 2025, with her family by her side at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, Maryland. Kay was born on July 12, 1937 to the late Mary E. Jenkins (Slacum) and James E. Jolley. She was born and raised in Dorchester County, Maryland, where she attended public schools.

Kay held various positions throughout her career, but a majority of her career was spent at Coldwater Seafood Corporation in Cambridge, Maryland, where she retired after twenty-eight (28) dedicated years, in June of 1999. After retirement, she went on to work at the Hurlock Senior Center and was the grandma at SHORE UP! Inc. Head Start in Hurlock, Maryland, where she was loved and adored by the children and their families.

Kay Francis, as she was affectionately known, was a lifelong member of Mount Zion Methodist Church, now known as Faith Community United Methodist Church in East New Market, Maryland, serving under numerous pastors and the present pastor, Reverend Ashley L. Jones.

During her time there, Kay sang on the choir, served on the kitchen committee, and was one of the founding members of the very talented group,

The Brownettes Gospel Singers, led by James W. Camper.

To know Kay is to know that her children were her entire life. As the matriarch of our family, she was the heart of our existence and a constant source of love, wisdom and warmth, mixed with a little bit of spice here and there. Her kindness and strength have left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Kay was an outstanding cook and had no problems feeding anyone whom she came across. There wasn't anything that Kay Francis couldn't cook but was best known for her chicken and dumplings. You were never going to be hungry, if Kay had anything to do with it.

Kay is survived by: her daughters, Gwendolyn Turner (Daryl) of Seaford, Delaware, Darlene Moulden of Cambridge, Maryland, Wilmeta Slacum of Federalsburg, Maryland and Terry Hopkins (Charles) of Cambridge, Maryland; son, Darrence Slacum (Sharon) of Easton, Maryland; a bonus son, Rodney Griffin of Hurlock, Maryland; sisters, Rhoda Palmer of Hurlock, Maryland and Annette Wilson of Cambridge, Maryland; grandchildren, Tanisha Slacum of Cambridge, Maryland, whom she raised as her own, Kajiyah Slacum of Easton, Maryland, Keosha Blake of Easton, Maryland and Kathy Gray of Salisbury, Maryland; great grandchildren, Malai'ah Holmes and Nehlani Slacum, both of Easton, Maryland; aunt, Lillian Slacum of East New Market, Maryland; two very special helpers, Carl and Aaron Jones, both of Hurlock, Maryland and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William R. Jenkins, Sr. and Rudolph Jenkins, Jr.; sisters, Mary Sharp and Helen Young and a daughter, Conchita Walls.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community United Methodist Church
509 Railroad Avenue
East New Market, MD

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community United Methodist Church
509 Railroad Avenue
East New Market, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - March 12, 2025 at 04:29 PM

SB

“ *Will remember the good ole days from East New Matket ,The Demby/Brown families*



Sandy Demby Brown - March 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *I don't have a lot of regrets but not seeing you and hugging you before our Lord took you home is a hard pill to swallow... I am forever grateful to you for taking me in as a kid and allowing me the opportunity to call you grandma Kay. A million kisses and hugs to you, I am deeply sorrowed. I hope you get to meet Giovanni, your grandson, he's a hugger and will shower you with kisses. I love you, rest peacefully my sweet. My condolences to the entire Slacum family, prayers up.*

Judith Nicolas - March 14, 2025 at 06:04 PM

VW

“ *Sending our condolences love hugs to all the families I know y'all hearts is heavy when I heard my heart was heavy back in the day we all was East New Market family Rip Frances Varnell Walls Van Al Woolford Takiyah Keshia*

Van Woolford - March 12, 2025 at 06:58 PM

SB

“ My condolences to my family. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Kay. You are going to be missed more than you will ever know. RIP my dear cousin. ❤️🙏❤️

Sylvia Bolden - March 12, 2025 at 10:56 AM

LD

“ Ladonya Dockins lit a candle in memory of Kay Francis Slacum



Ladonya Dockins - March 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM

RJ

My condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss.

Ruth Jones - March 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Mommy you are truly going to be missed by many. She was our mother/father. She did an amazing job raising us. Mommy we miss/love you dearly



Darlene Slacum-Moulden - March 11, 2025 at 05:37 PM

TB

“ Teresa Cephas Batson sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay Francis Slacum



Teresa Cephas Batson - March 11, 2025 at 02:27 PM

DT

“ *DOREEN TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Kay Francis Slacum*



DOREEN TAYLOR - March 11, 2025 at 10:25 AM

DT

sending comfort to the family

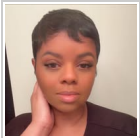
DOREEN TAYLOR - March 11, 2025 at 10:26 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - March 11, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Grandma, I will be forever grateful for everything you've done for me. I love you (a bushel and a peck) and I'm going to miss you so much.*



Tanisha Slacum - March 11, 2025 at 12:24 AM

TH

“ Mom my heart was broken in a million pieces when I received news of your passing you will always hold a special place in my heart. I'll definitely miss them chicken and dumplings. Rest in paradise

Terry Hopkins - March 10, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ Mom I have so many memories of you so much love this page is not big enough I am going to miss you so much.



Gwen Turner - March 10, 2025 at 08:53 PM