



Lorraine Ermatena Handy

May 20, 1948 - May 25, 2025

The Life of Lorraine E. Handy

Lorraine E. Handy, at the age of seventy-seven (77), passed away peacefully on May 25, 2025 surrounded by family at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland.

Lorraine was born in Callao, Virginia to the late James "Puff" Jackson and Lottie Brown. She received her education in Northumberland County Public Schools, where she was an active participant in both gymnastics and basketball. She often shared fond memories of her childhood, recalling the many adventures she and her sisters enjoyed together.

As a young adult, family trips to the Eastern Shore of Maryland were a cherished tradition, visiting her beloved sister-in-love, Margaret Reed, and nieces Shirley, Rose, Gloria, and Barbara. It was during these memorable visits that she met her future husband, Donald Handy.

Lorraine's diligent work ethic was evident throughout her life, as she held various positions with dedication. Her career included roles as: a seafood processor for Bevans Oyster Company in Kinsale, Virginia; a production line worker for South Tech Industries in Tappahannock, Virginia; a janitorial worker at Centreville Middle School in Centreville, Maryland; and a production worker

for Dynasplint in Stevensville, Maryland.

Her deep faith was evident in her joyful service to the church. When her children were young, she passionately directed the youth choir, the "Voices of Hope," at Lively Hope Baptist Church in Callao, VA. She cherished her time with the youth, leading them as they traveled throughout the Northern Neck, sharing their voices in song and praise. Many former "Voices of Hope" members fondly recall those days as some of the best in their lives, speaking to the lasting impact Lorraine had on them.

Her commitment to her faith extended to her dedicated service as President of the Usher Board at Bryan's United Methodist Church. Lorraine was incredibly proud to be an usher, embracing the vital role of welcoming each parishioner with a warm smile and a ready hug as they entered the Lord's house.

A true lover of all things bright and growing, her passion for flowers was only surpassed by the boundless love she held for her children and family. They were the sunshine that made her garden, and her life, truly flourish. Her legacy bloomed not just in the exquisite plants she lovingly tended, but in the hearts of the ones she touched. Every petal, every leaf, whispered of her devotion to beauty, while every shared meal and treasured memory spoke volumes of the profound love she invested in those she held most dear. Her world was a testament to the power of nurture, both for the vibrant flora around her and the flourishing lives of her loved ones.

Holiday meals were a highlight, a true labor of love where her joy came from nourishing her family, especially the boys. She poured her heart into every dish, finding immense satisfaction in gathering everyone around the table and seeing them well-fed and happy.

She had an immeasurable love for her grand and great grandchildren, a bond

that brought her and them immense happiness. She will be missed beyond measure, but her memory will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration.

Lorraine is survived by: her husband, Donald Handy; one sister, Etta Johnson; her sons, Francis "Skip" Cooper and Andre (Shawn) Cooper; daughters, Quinetta Handy and Veronica "Peaches" (Kevin) Brummell; bonus children, Joseph (Theresa) Fulcher, Jr., Mike (Dorine) Fassett, Joetta (Rickey) Green, Donald (Angie) Handy, Jr., Shelton (Crystal) Handy, and Cameron Handy; nine grandchildren, Andrea, Candance, Dejon, Kendrick, Franchelle, Janae, Shannon, DeShea, and Trushun, Jr.; seventeen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, James and Lottie Jackson; her brother, "Bubba" George Johnson; her sister, Earlie Mae Jackson and husband Joseph Fulcher.

Submitted With Love,
The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bryan's United Methodist Church
5608 Main St.
Grasonville, MD 21638

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 09:44 AM

LD

“ *Lawrence Dunn lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Ermatena Handy*



Lawrence Dunn - June 07, 2025 at 06:47 AM

RB

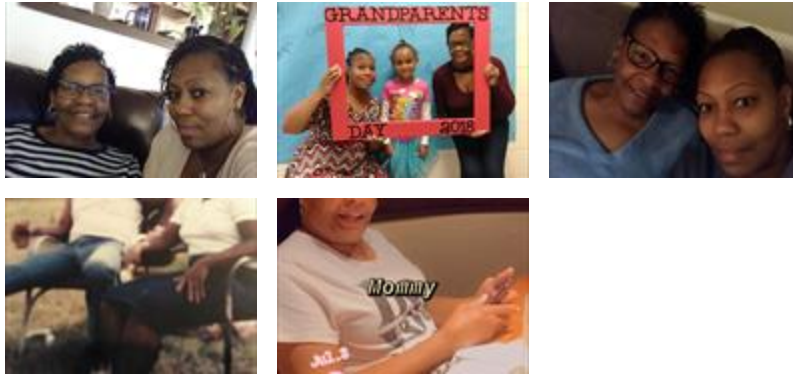
“ *Robin Brown lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Ermatena Handy*



Robin Brown - June 06, 2025 at 02:22 PM

PE

“ My mom Lorraine. I thank God for allowing you to be here on Earth with me for almost 49 years. It's going to be a long journey to continue on with out you but I know God will give me strength to get through. You have taught me so much about this thing called life. I will cherish every memory that I have of you. I love you mom but God loved and needed you more. Not good bye but I'll see you soon. Rest on my Angel 🌹🌹🌹❤️❤�



Peaches - June 06, 2025 at 06:42 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Skipper Jackson - June 05, 2025 at 11:02 PM

CJ

“ We love you gma get your rest queen ☐☐



Candace Johnson - June 04, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JO

“ My DAY 1, my LoLo never imagined I wouldn't be able to talk to U I'm glad U knew how much U meant to me & now I don't have U anymore. No more worries & no more pain Rest well my FAVORITE I Love U!!



Joselyn - June 04, 2025 at 07:22 PM

KW

“ My whole life I've had 3 pillars you, mom, and aunt quin. Now that you're gone I feel like a piece of me is missing and it hurts so much. I'm glad you're no longer in pain but my heart is so broken. I love you so much grandma RIP <3



kendrick wise - June 04, 2025 at 07:16 PM

LT

*Kendrick,
I am so sorry. Sending love, condolences, and prayers. ❤️🙏🙏*

Lisa Lanette Tolliver - June 05, 2025 at 06:09 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - June 04, 2025 at 07:33 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Family,
"Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, For They
Shall Be Comforted."(Matthew 5:4)
GOD Is Your Comforter, And Will Be With Each
Of You Always.
"IF HE BRINGS YOU TO IT HE WILL BRING
YOU THROUGH IT!"
Always Cherish The Memories Of Your Loved One!
Prayers❤️ Blessings
Lorraine Jenkins And Family (Philippians 4:13)*



Lorraine Jenkins - June 03, 2025 at 10:44 PM