



Marcella Beatrice Kenner (Riley)

November 23, 1926 - January 21, 2018

Sister Marcella Beatrice Riley Kenner, was born on November 23, 1926, in Lewes, Delaware. She was the daughter of Albert Burton and Sarah Riley Hayward. She had eight siblings; Joseph Burton, Delores Barrett, Eugene Riley, Dorothy Hayward, Virginia Hayward, William Hayward, Pauline Hayward, and Paul Hayward, who all preceded her in death. She departed this life on January 21, 2018.

Marcella attended Frederick Thomas School in Lewes, and graduated from South Philadelphia High School for Girls in 1945. Sister Marcella married Llewellyn Kenner in 1952, in Salisbury, Maryland.

She returned to Lewes, where she reunited with St. George African Methodist Episcopal Church. Sister Kenner started working at the church, always desiring to offer her service to the Lord God. She was an usher for two years before serving as president of the I. B. Burton User Board for 49 years. She always looked with excitement to participate in Usher Days at various churches, both in and outside of the AME connection. Sister Kenner was also a Junior Steward, and served as Church Treasurer under the leadership of Reverend Charles Dennis.

Sister Kenner loved to keep her mind active by solving Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, coloring, and recounting historical stories. She loved to cook.

Sister Marcella worked at Hennessey Restaurant as a cook for 15 years, for Sports Craft for 15 years, and at Angler's Restaurant as a cook for 15 years. She then received training and worked at Beebe Hospital for 20 years as a Nurse's Assistant.

Sister Marcella Kenner leaves to cherish her memories, a daughter, Olga Fitch, who was her nurse for many years. Mrs. Kenner was blessed to have many health care providers who lovingly cared for her, among whom are Keisha Major, Lorice Burton, Missy Curry, Michelle Cannon, Latoya Halbrook, Rebecca Manuel, Doria Cortez and Ken Meade. She also leaves nephews, Ronald Barrett, Bruce Barrett, James Hayward, Joseph Hayward and Weldon Hayward; nieces, Deborah Parker, Wanda Taylor, Cynthia Barrett, Paula K. B. Johnson, Rochelle Bell and Penny Hayward; a special sister-in-law, Grace Hansley; godson, Joseph Hayward; god-daughter, Cynthia Collick; and a host of cousins and friends. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Marcella Beatrice Kenner (Riley), please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

GR

“*My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).*

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to us all, but Almighty God is going to remove death, tears and pain in the near future. The bible also tells us at Acts 24:15 that the dead will be resurrected. Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may your entire family be comforted and blessed at this time.

Doretha Sampson - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - January 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ The faithful man Job said: “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? . . . You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.” (Job 14:14, 15)

Sherry - January 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. How comforting it is to know that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear Christ’s voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”?—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear family I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one and I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the family. May you find comfort in God’s words in (Revelation 21: 4.)

JoyceA - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To the family and friends of one of my favorite clients: So sorry for our loss. I will certainly miss being her caregiver, listening to her stories, her wisdom about life and her quick wit. I am thankful that God allowed our paths to cross on this side of the earth.

Rebecca M - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss. Read Acts 24:15 for comfort and peace.

Irene - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM