



Marion Virginia Bazemore

October 17, 1930 - August 22, 2017

Our mom, Marion Virginia, born in Portsmouth, Virginia on October 17, 1930 to the late Linwood and Pettroner Jones as the fourth oldest of fourteen children lived to be eighty-six years of age and is now "free, no longer bound; her soul is resting, it is a blessing; hallelujah she's free."

Marion loved the Lord and lived her life perfectly in love with Christ. She dedicated more than seventy years to Horace Lee Bazemore, Sr. and their children raising them to be good citizens, give freely to others, to lend a hand, feed those in need, and to love one another.

Mom had a beautiful and bold spirit. She dared to stick up for her siblings in a fight, move herself from the school system in Portsmouth to the one in Norfolk without permission from anyone, attend the March on Washington to hear Martin Luther King, marry at sixteen years old, and move nine children on an electrician and nurse's aide salary to this prestigious neighborhood of teachers, principals, and realtors where we were sustained and grew up. Furthermore, if her siblings needed a place to live, Mom opened our doors and allowed their whole families to stay. She did this in the neighborhood that frowned on us having nine where most had only two children. Mom did not finish high school because she had to farm alongside her parents, but she preached education and success to her children who are now accomplished.

At seventy years old Mom, with our dad, dared to raise foster care children into adulthood and even adopted one.

Mom danced. She did the swing and jitterbugged. People loved to see her dance and she knew it, flaunting her pizzazz and vitality. Yet, there was no dance she loved more than her shout for the Lord. Mom was vibrant, knew no stranger, and gave overwhelmingly of her love and her means. Mom was good to life and life was good to her.

Marion, pre-deceased by one daughter, Brenda Aileen, leaves to cherish her memory, a husband, Horace Lee Bazemore, Sr.; three daughters, Phyllis Baisden (Kenneth), Marion Watts (Keith), and Dr. Debbie Harrington (Robert); six sons, Rev. Horace (Sylvia), Rev. Dr. Christopher, Timothy, Michael (Juanita), Vincent, and Jeffery Bazemore; two daughters she raised as her own, Andrea Shearin (Jake) and Penny Walker; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; five sisters; four brothers; and a host of nieces, nephews, and endeared friends.

"Give me my flowers while I can smell them. " Marion V. Bazemore.

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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 condolences; but that you 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 sincerely with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - August 26, 2017 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 - August 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My condolence to my family. I am sorry for the loss of our aunt marion, she was my great-aunt my grandmother sister ida mae it was great having her in each and everyone of our lives from a childhood on up. We are going to miss you aunt Marion this is from your other niece Tina. May you R.I.P. Home now but never be forgotten.

TINA WORRELL/JORDAN - August 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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TINA WORRELL/JORDAN - August 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - August 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. May you find strength in Gods promise at Isaiah 25:8 that soon he will swallow up death forever.

JoyceA - August 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM