



## Radia Marie Balfour (Tull)

July 16, 1945 - August 17, 2020

Radia "Marie Tull" Balfour, 75 years old, was called by God on Sunday, August 16, 2020. She was born on Monday, July 16, 1945, to Milton E. Tull and Auntonette M. Wiltbank Tull, whom she loved very much. Marie graduated from William C. Jason Comprehensive High School and dreamed of teaching. One of Marie's happiest moments was when she married James N. Balfour. Marie was a very compassionate person, while always willing to help and make others feel included. Marie was held in such high regard for the care and love she and her husband gave to foster children. Even after the passing of her husband, she was able to continue as a single foster parent. Marie's other happy moments were giving birth to her daughters, being there for the births of her grandchildren and great grandchildren and being able to help love and guide them into being caring people. She made sure every child in her family was over-prepared for starting school. Marie loved to sew and bake. She broadened her talents with a baking class. Marie worked for Townsend Inc. in Millsboro (now known as Mountaire) for over 20 years. When the plant converted to machines, although in her 60's, she went back to school and reinvented herself. Marie then cared for people with mental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries for almost 20 years.

Radia was preceded in death by her husband, James N. Balfour; father, Milton E. Tull; mother, Auntonette M. Wiltbank Tull and her oldest daughter, Auntonette M. Balfour.

Left on Earth to remember her great works are two uncles, David Tull and Rufus Tull; two daughters, Kimberly M. Balfour Johnson and Tiffany D. Balfour; two granddaughters, Cania M. Balfour Fields and Tori L. Balfour; four grandsons, Darryn L. Fields, Antonio "Jay" Balfour, James N. Balfour Sr. and Averell C. Balfour; four great-grandsons, Dalin L. Balfour, Jymer H. Whitfield, Eyn L. Fields and James N. Balfour, Jr.; and a host of cousins, colleagues and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I will always remember Miss Radia as a woman of compassion and love. She will be unforgettable. She left her mark on all who came within her loving space. I will miss her, but will remember her words of wisdom that she would bestow upon me from time to time. My condolences and prayers for her family and friends.* ”

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**Chaquel R. Finney** - August 28, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers to the Balfour family.* ”

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**Theresa Baker** - August 26, 2020 at 04:15 PM