



Rosa Octavia Murphy

November 10, 1923 - January 12, 2020

Rosa Octavia Murphy, was the wife of the late Sprunt Murphy; daughter of the late Christopher Columbus Bradshaw and Hattie Graham Bradshaw and granddaughter of Goodman and Susan Graham and Mary and William Bradshaw. Rosa was born at home on November 10, 1923, in Lane, South Carolina, which is an 80% African American town of less than 500 people, established in 1856.

Rosa transitioned on January 12, 2020, peacefully at home while listening to oldies music and patting her feet. Rosa received her education in both Lane and Kingstree, South Carolina, along with siblings, Mary Magdalene Jarman, Louis Bradshaw and Loretta of Virginia. Her brother Herbert passed away as an infant.

Sprunt and Rosa were united in holy matrimony on November 6, 1946, in Wilmington, Delaware. To this Union were born, Patricia Ann Murphy Davis, Dr. Marlene Murphy White, Robert Elbert Murphy and dearly departed son Keith Randolph Murphy. She sent her children to Coleman Memorial Methodist Church and was a member of St. James A.M.E. Church. She taught her children to be respectful, responsible, reliable, and to maintain a loving relationship with family, friends and especially God.

Doctor Furman, Optometrist and Christiana Medical Center were Rosa's

places of employment for over 30 years.

Most of Rosa's dear friends have passed on. They had a nice club which cooked dinners for sale to make Christmas gift monies. Ms. Lucille is still living across the street in Dunleith. The other neighborhood friends were, Ms. Barbara, Ms. Becky, Ms. Marie and especially Ms. BeBe, who lived next door. They worked together for over 26 years and loved to knit and crochet blankets.

Rosa leaves to cherish her memory three children, Patsy, Marlene and Bobby; 11 grandchildren, Dawn, Randy, Atia, Francine, Charaas, Julian, Cecilia, Mia, Christopher, Trinity and Nelson; 13 great grandchildren, Savion, Davion, Giselle, Reign, Neihya, Omega, Ninya, Sky, Kayla, Jae'son, Jaelen, Julian, and Ja'kai; godson, Billy Fortune; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends to cherish her memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ With loving memories of "Rosa Murphy", The Fortune Family (Billy Fortune and Siblings)

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