



Verna M. Diggs

March 30, 1926 - March 28, 2020

Verna M. Diggs, daughter of the late Roy Cox and Mary Johnson, the eldest of nine siblings, was born Tuesday, March 30, 1926, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

After moving to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Verna united in Christian fellowship with Second Baptist Church where she remained for many years and served on the Usher Board. She later joined The First Baptist Church of Steelton where she served with the Flower Ministry.

Verna's employment history included elevator operator at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg Children's Dress Factory and retirement from the Commonwealth of PA, Department of General Services.

Verna was a very loving and spiritual lady. Foremost, she loved her God and her family, and she was always ready and willing to help family and anyone in need. When she retired, she loved to sit on her porch and watch the children. She also enjoyed doing her word search books, gardening, making afghans and doing latch hook.

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, at ninety-three years of age, two days before her ninety-fourth birthday, Verna entered into eternal life while at her home in Harrisburg, PA, surrounded by her loving family.

Verna leaves to honor and cherish a legacy of faith, love and dedication: her

daughter and son-in-law, Darrell "Soni" and James Hawkins; sisters, Alberta Hardy, Margaret Bazemore, Evoria Ewell, Shirlean Burhannan; grandsons, Antionne Diggs, Matthew Banks; granddaughter, Shayla Diggs; goddaughter, Ernestine Banks; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends are encouraged to click on the Share a Memory Tab to post videos, share memories, condolences, reflections or simply your name allowing the family of Verna M. Diggs know you are thinking of them during this time of bereavement.

LIVE ON-LINE STREAMING OF PRIVATE SERVICE. Click on the PHOTOS & VIDEOS or MEDIA (mobile) Tab to view.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 6. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
Harrisburg, PA 17104
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Viewing

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Verna M. Diggs



Wallace Funeral Directors - April 05, 2020 at 01:17 PM

ET

Appreciated and beautiful

Etheleen Tunson - April 06, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TH

*"WHAT A TRIBUTE".
The service was beautiful and well deserved.
Rest in heaven Aunt Vern.*

Thelma Hodge - April 06, 2020 at 12:29 PM

KM

“ Kevin & LaVonda Myers lit a candle in memory of Verna M. Diggs



Kevin & LaVonda Myers - July 06, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JA

“ Aunt Vern, where would I be without you? I came to Harrisburg, Pa. from Coatesville, Pa in 1972, you were my first babysitter for my son Brian, when I started working at PPL in 1973. I appreciate all you did and I love you and I will miss you and I thank God for you.
Jeannette.

Jeannette Anderson - April 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

GR

“ Sonni, James, Shayla, Antoine,

My prayer is that the Lord God who keeps the, Who neither sleeps nor slumbers, will continually watch over you and assuage the pain of Ms Vern's passing. I pray His grace will strengthen you, while is ever abiding presence there with you comforts you as you adjust to this temporary separation from her.

Ms Verne was/is truly a blessing and had a profound impact on my life. I am thankful for having been able to grow up next door to her, and for the love, the mothering, and wisdom she shared with me. I will always hold dear the memories of the times spent on the front porch with her and my mom, talking with them, laughing with them, learning from them.

Ms Verne was/is a gift. I know we will see her again, but she will be sincerely missed in the interim between now and when we see her again.

George L Ramsey Jr

George Ramsey - April 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LL

“ *Lionel Lester, grew as kid, as lady that I admired at Second Baptist Church Family. Always encouraging words, laughter, busy helping others, quiet but always around, like a second mom, was my mother's friend. Will be certainly miss . I will see you again. Prayers , condolences to the family. RIP MS. DIGGS*

Lionel Lester - April 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM

RF

Hi Sonni, James, Shayla and Antoine. This is your cousin Renay, Hazel and James Bell daughter. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. The obituary was beautifully written and the service was very nice. I was able to watch it on video. I send my condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time.

Renay Bell Foon - April 06, 2020 at 06:13 PM

RB

“ *Dear Mrs. Hardy, Gail, Shayla and Soni
My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with you in the loss of your dear sister, aunt, grandmother and mother. She was indeed a beautiful woman! I pray that our God will comfort your hearts and grant you peace as you reflect and share treasured memories.
Love each of you,
Robin Fulton Brown*

Robin Brown - April 06, 2020 at 12:44 PM

HD

“ *Sonni, James, Shayla, and Antoine,*

Sending gracious love and condolences to each of you!!! We wish we could be there to celebrate Aunt Vern's homegoing, but we are watching and celebrating from our home in Atlanta. We will miss Aunt Vern dearly....May God keep you in His perfect peace during this time. We sincerely love you!!!

*Love, Peace, and God's Blessings,
Toya, Harold, and Kennedy Davidson*

Harold and Toya Davidson - April 06, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SB

In loving memory of my dear sister, Verna....She was loved by family and friends. She will always love within our hearts. Her witty demeanor & pleasant words of encouragement could always brighten your day... Sandra, may you gain strength & understanding as the loving memories of her life continue to shine through you and your family.. Sandra, you & James are to be commended for providing such beautiful care to your mother.. God has a blessing with your names on it..May God continue to bless your entire family!!! Aunt Shirlean & Charles, Jr Burhanan

Shirlean Burhanan - April 06, 2020 at 03:28 PM

NC

“ *My name is Norman Cooper The kids In the neighborhood and Mrs Vern would call me uncle Norm as Belinda and tee did she spent time on her porch where I would see her stop and talk with her she was really a nice person you felt comfortable around her,she will greatly be miss.it was privilege to know her.*

NORMAN COOPER

Norman cooper - April 06, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle Carrington - April 06, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ Rest in peace Ms Vern. Thankfully I have so many good memories of growing up on North street next door to you. Thank you for your mothering, conversations, and laughs. Give Mom a big hug for us!

Love Michelle, Brian, Bryce & Jeremy

Michelle Carrington - April 06, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ To Darrell, James, Shayla, Sis Hardy and Gail: Thanking God for Sis Diggs' life and legacy. May our God, who comforts and gives us peace, grant you His Spirit of rest. May you forever treasure precious memories.

Blessings always,
Dea Judy Banks

Judy Banks - April 06, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ May my aunt rest in eternal peace, we have to say goodbye to a beautiful soul and may God bring our family comfort during a difficult time.

Michael Johnson - April 06, 2020 at 10:49 AM

EB

“ *Praying for blessings peace and strength*

Eugene& Callie Bailey - April 03, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BT

“ *Soni, Shayla, Sis. Hardy, Gail and the entire family, my sincere and heartfelt condolences. So glad to have had the pleasure of knowing and being in her presence. Keep your memories close. ❤️*



Beverly Bowman Thomas - April 02, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Verna M. Diggs.*



April 02, 2020 at 01:37 PM

EB

“ *To my Godmother whom I'll miss very much. Your gone but won't ever be forgotten, I love you . May God hold you in the hollow of his hands forever.
Your Goddaughter
Ernestine (Teenie) Banks*



Ernestine Banks - April 01, 2020 at 07:37 PM

SA

“ So sad to hear of Verna ‘s passing. She worked along with us at the Dept of State and we use to love talking with her. We even through a retirement party for her when she left the state. Her cake said it all..”She added “sparkle” to this place! Peace be with her and to all the family.
Friend of long ago.
Sally Krow

Sally - April 01, 2020 at 04:27 PM

SG

“ Sarah Guider-Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Verna M. Diggs



Sarah Guider-Robinson - March 31, 2020 at 06:07 PM