



Arlisa Maldorise Polite-Walton

November 19, 1956 - June 4, 2019

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

-Matthew 11:28-30

After a weekend of celebration, surrounded by family and friends, Arlisa Maldorise Walton, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at peace in her home in Richmond, Virginia.

Arlisa Walton was born in Alexandria, Virginia to the late John Jerome Smith and Marion Beatress Smith on November 19, 1956, and was commonly referred to as Lisa by friends and family. She was the youngest sibling of Kenneth Smith and the late Johnny Smith. Arlisa was educated in Alexandria City Public Schools and graduated from T.C. Williams High School, the famed home of the T.C. Titans.

Upon graduating from high school, she built many careers. Arlisa was a hair beautician while still living in Alexandria, Virginia, the first African American secretary at the Salvation Army in Richmond, Virginia, an office manager for apartment complexes, and oversaw the security department of a business center before pursuing and earning a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Minor in Religious Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1999.

Arlisa used her degree in English to become a high school teacher and later went on to teach middle school. She was proud to follow the footsteps of her

mother, father, and aunts into the field of education and built a stellar career as an exemplary educator in her own right. She also used her Minor in Religious Studies to build and instill in her children and practice of universal love and deep-rooted belief in the power of God. Arlisa made it her goal to walk every day with kindness in her heart and celebration in her words. She was a light and a joy to those who knew her throughout life.

Arlisa's love for family and festivity is unmatched. She blended these two loves through creating a tradition of family gatherings, which were a place of good food, bingo games, kind-hearted jokes, and conversations that weaved in and out of laughter. It is by her doing that family and friends were able to gather for the 99th birthday celebration her aunt Gladys Howard, at the home of her aunt Christine Howard, on June 1, 2019.

It is with heavy hearts and an unwavering trust in God's plan that friends and family give thanks for the presence of Arlisa Maldorise Walton in each of our lives. Every moment with her was made magical because it had the potential to become a celebration of life and love.

Arlisa is survived by her husband SFC (retired) Joseph Walton, son Zarek Anderson, daughter Victoria Polite, and granddaughter Brooke Robinson. Today, we celebrate a life well lived and a person well loved. Arlisa Maldorise Walton, you will be missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ To the Family Arlisa Maldorise Polite-Walton ,
God decided it was time for her to leave, he
has you in his arms walking with you every
step.

*I will miss my Friend, her smile talking and
laughing, a person with a beautiful heart who cared about others,
made you feel welcome when around her.
Lisa you will always be in my heart*

B Mason.



B Mason - June 19, 2019 at 09:08 PM

JJ

“ Arlisa, what a beautiful person. We were co-workers at Boushall
Middle School. She often talked about her daughter and
granddaughter...she loved them dearly. We talked about life and
love. We smiled and laughed when we saw each other.
Rest in Peace, my sister.

Joanne Jones - June 18, 2019 at 07:29 AM

JP

“ Arlisa was always appeared to have a “gentle
spirit”.. was only privileged to see her a few
times but will miss her.

*God bless you family and friends.
Pollard family from Culpeper Va*



joyce pollard - June 14, 2019 at 02:58 PM

AJ

“ Mrs. Polite was a beautiful soul inside and out. She was a loving woman with some much to give: time, conversation, wisdom, and compassion. I had the chance to work with her as a teacher in 2008 and enjoyed her storytelling and mentorship. She was pleasant, kept a smile on her face and made everyone feel welcome. I will miss her smiling face and hearing her say, "Heeey, Manda!!!"

Amanda J - June 13, 2019 at 09:52 PM

TR

“ Lisa was our neighbor at the Springfield Apartments in Richmond, VA. She was the epitome of what a "Great Neighbor" should be. She will forever be remembered for her Kind Hearted Spirit and Loving and Compassionate Heart. We Love You Lisa!! Towanda, Reggie Jr., Rhapsody and Ajah❤️💚

Towanda Robinson - June 13, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Arlisa Maldorise Polite-Walton.



June 12, 2019 at 10:42 AM

RS

“ Lisa, a Lady with a Loving & Giving Spirit! She will Always have a special place in my heart,
Rest in peace. Reggie Cain

Reginald Cain Sr - June 11, 2019 at 09:46 PM



Zarek
Oh
Anderso

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during this truly difficult time. We are very grateful for the friendship that we share. Much love

Zarek Oh Anderson - June 12, 2019 at 08:23 AM

VJ

“ Victoria, Zarek, Joe purchased the Bed of Pink Roses for the family of Arlisa Maldorise Polite-Walton.



Victoria, Zarek, Joe - June 11, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Arlisa Maldorise Polite-Walton.



June 10, 2019 at 10:27 PM