



## Mrs. Doris Celestine Adkins

December 19, 1926 - August 2, 2023

DORIS CELESTINE ADKINS was born on December 19, 1926, at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., the first of nine children to the late Charles and Virginia Jackson. She grew up in Alexandria, Virginia attending St. Joseph's Catholic School during her elementary years, and Parker-Gray High School for grades 8-12, graduating in 1945. She then attended Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing (now Howard University School of Nursing) receiving her DipN (Diploma in Nursing) in 1951.

While in high school, Doris played the clarinet and was a member of the marching band. As a nursing student, she was a devoted member of the Newman Club, Choir, and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. After graduating, she served as President of the Nurses' Better Humor Society. Doris married Robert Hamilton Adkins on June 9, 1952. From this union five children were born.

In 1966, after working at the Women's Hospital in Washington, D.C., Doris accepted a position at the Alexandria Hospital where she worked as a registered nurse until retiring in 1995. Her passion was working with babies in the newborn nursery while occasionally working in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) where she advocated that mothers only breast feed their babies. In 1980 she was honored with the "Nurse of the Year Award" and acknowledged in 1995 for 29 years of outstanding service.

After retiring, Doris was very active volunteering at St. Joseph's Church, taking piano lessons, and caring for and attending activities of her

grandchildren. During her latter years, Doris enjoyed attending the Alexandria Adult Day Care Center where she participated in fun and engaging activities including shopping sprees at Springfield Mall.

Doris leaves to cherish her loving memory four of her five children (Terry Adkins preceded her in death in 2014): Bruce and Jon Adkins, Debra Vereen (Kenneth), and Karen Randolph (Tony), nine loving grandchildren: Tarik, Renee, and Robert Adkins, Titus and Turiya Adkins, Clarke, Elliot, Cole, and Harper Randolph, and a host of relatives and friends. She will be sorely missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

Wilkes Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
711 N. Columbus Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## Mass

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

AUG 9 (ET)

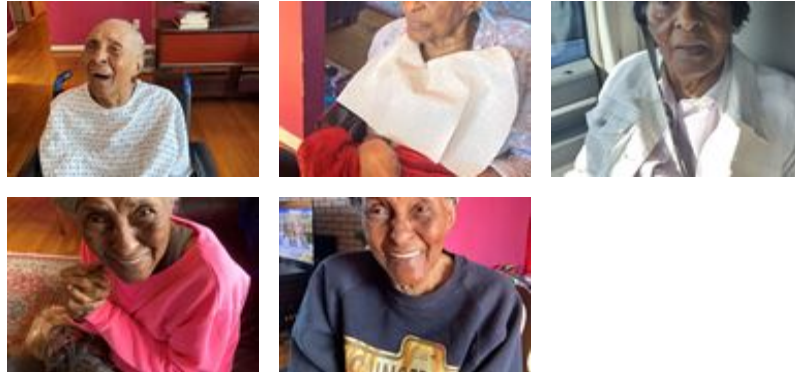
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# Tribute Wall



“ 87 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-** - August 08, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ *My Condolences to The Family of Mrs. Celestine Adkins, Praying for The Family.*

*Karen, Brandon White and Kristina Baylor*

**Karen D. White** - August 08, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Celestine Adkins.*



August 08, 2023 at 08:51 AM