



Mrs. Mary Ruth Norton

November 10, 1941 - May 1, 2024

Mary Ruth Norton, better known as “Nana”, entered eternal rest on May 1, 2024. Mary was born in Norlina, North Carolina on November 10, 1941, to Lula Mae Robinson. She came to Shiloh Baptist Church with her husband (Oliver) and joined in 1961. Mary loved the Lord and served in various ministries for several years prior to her failing health.

She graduated from Parker Gray High School in Alexandria, VA. She also took several courses at Northern Virginia Community College. Mary worked for the Alexandria Public School System for 37 years teaching kindergarten and first grade students. She was a member of the Executive Board of the Educational Association, President of the Paraprofessional Advisory Council, State Delegate to the National Educational Support Personnel Convention, coach and mentor of novice teaching staff, facilitated new teacher orientation programs, developed the “What Your Child Should Know....” seminar series to introduce parents to the Alexandria Public School System, developed partnerships with public and private charitable organizations to provide books and materials to elementary school students, was Lead Teacher of the 4-H Club Program for Cora Kelly Magnet Elementary School for many years and was cited in the 2005 edition of “Who’s Who of American Teachers”.

Mary “Nana”, loved bowling, cooking, baking, thrifting, children, entertaining, and spending time with her family and friends. She was a devoted wife,

mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She had a generous heart, humorous spirit, and dedication and commitment to serving the Lord and others.

Mary is preceded in death by her mother Lula Mae Robinson, and other children Oliver L. Norton, Jr. and Deborah Anne Norton. She is survived by her husband Oliver L. Norton, Sr; children Nia Shabazz-Moore (Donald) and Antoinette "Toni" Wilder; grandchildren Hakim Wiggins, Ciara Banks, and Mariah Wilder; brother Ben Parish (Althea), sister Florence Moore, and daughter-in-law Janet Norton. Mary will also be fondly missed by brothers and sister-in-laws in the Norton family, the Jackson family, many nieces and nephews and host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
1401 Jamieson Ave
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth was our childhood babysitter. It was such a blessing when we reunited at Shiloh. My heartfelt condolences, love and prayers to her loving family and friends. ❤️*



Pat Love - May 22, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JH

“ *Mom Norton not only is my Spiritual Mom, but a woman that had so much love for everybody. I will miss her smile, hugs, cake baking and the delicious chitterlings she prepared. Mom Norton may you be at peace. Father God comfort Pop Norton and the family. Johnna Holly-Berry*

Johnna Holly-Berry - May 17, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ *The Garner Family, Lydia, Tracee, Rich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Ruth Norton.*

The Garner Family, Lydia, Tracee, Rich - May 17, 2024 at 10:22 AM

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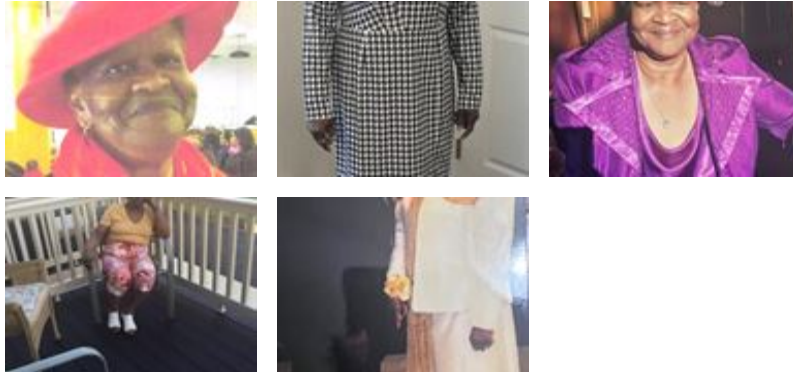
“ *The Garner Family, Lydia, Tracee, Rich purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Ruth Norton.*



The Garner Family, Lydia, Tracee, Rich - May 17, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - May 16, 2024 at 04:11 AM

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“ *Carolyn & Nicole Flowers, Samira Murphy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Mary Ruth Norton.*



Carolyn & Nicole Flowers, Samira Murphy - May 15, 2024 at 11:10 PM

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“ *Janice Hedgepeth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Norton*



Janice Hedgepeth - May 15, 2024 at 05:05 PM