



Mrs. Beatrice Myrick Graves

October 12, 1927 - August 13, 2017

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Mrs. Beatrice Myrick Graves, wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and missionary transitioned peacefully from earthly labor to heavenly reward in Marietta, GA. on Sunday, August 13, 2017. Mrs. Graves was the daughter of the late Deacon Kenneth and Deaconess Henrietta Wynn Myrick. She was born on October 12, 1927 in Dinwiddie County, VA, but spent most of her life in Petersburg, VA.

Mrs. Graves graduated from Peabody High School in 1946; graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Virginia State College (now University) in 1954. Education was her first love and she taught 3rd and 4th grades at Virginia Avenue, Walnut Hill, and Stuart Elementary Schools in Petersburg for 33 years, retiring in June 1989. She was a member of the Virginia Education Association and the National Education Association.

Her Christian experience started at an early age at First Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member for over 75 years. At First Baptist Church, she served in many capacities: Superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher (with the late Herbert Coulton) of the Virginia T. Anderson Bible Class, member of the Missionary Circle, Maude E. Taylor Memorial Club, the Women's Ministry, Youth Activities Committee, Board of Christian Education, Children's Church, Ambassadors, Noon Day Bible Study, Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, Cathedral Choir since she loved to sing and Director of Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Graves was very active in District A-3 Women's Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia where she held a Life Membership. She also served twice as Chairman, Assistant Chairman and Secretary for many years of District A-3. She loved her mission and her church serving both until her health declined.

Mrs. Graves was preceded in death, in 2016, by her husband of 58 years, John ("Johnny") Henry Graves; her parents; and brother, Kenneth L. Myrick, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories, one ("and only" as she would say) son, Walter Aaron Graves (Sheila); two grandchildren, the love of her heart, Bryan A. Graves and Azaria R. Hogans; devoted nephews, Kevin L. Myrick, Sr., Preston Ellis, Jr. and Michael Ellis (Karen); sisters-in-law, Emily S. Graves and Wilhelmina Graves Vaughan; brothers-in-law, Waverly Graves (Shige) and Gonzales Graves (Ardell); two very special cousins, Anna Bolling Epps and Thomasine Bolling Hill; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her beloved church family.

A celebration of Life service for Mrs. Graves will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Monday August 21, 2017 at First Baptist Church, 236 Harrison Street,

Petersburg, VA., Dr. Jeremiah Tillman, Pastor, Officiating; and Dr. Andrew J. White, Pastor Emeritus, Zion Baptist Church, Eulogist. Interment will follow in Dinwiddie Memorial Park. The family will receive friends and family at a casual wake service from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, August 20, 2017 at J. M. Wilkerson Funeral Establishment.

The family humbly requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Road #130, Glen Allen, VA 23060; Susan G. Komen Foundation, Dept. 41841, PO Box 660159, Dallas TX 75266; or a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to the director and staff of the Lancaster Street memory care unit of the Heritage of Sandy Plains 3039 Sandy Plains Road Marietta, GA 30066 for its excellent and loving care of our loved one during her illness. Also to Agape Hospice for the loving care provided our loved one during her peaceful transition.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the staff of M. E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc., 2117 Madison Avenue Newport News, Virginia 23607.

Cemetery Details

Dinwiddie Memorial Park

7324 Church Rd.
Petersburg, VA 23803

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.M. Wilkerson Funeral Establishment, Inc.
102 South Ave.
Petersburg, VA 23803
<http://www.jmwilkersonsicne1874.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
236 Harrison St.
Petersburg, VA 23803

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Myrick Graves*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 17, 2017 at 03:51 PM



Beautiful!! My condolences. I pray God comfort you Walter and your family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Lov you my friend.

Lea Red - August 17, 2017 at 05:26 PM



Beautiful tribute.. Fly high Ms. Bea.. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Bernadette Hite - August 17, 2017 at 09:33 PM



The video was a beautiful tribute to your Mom and the love she had for her family. She was a beautiful person. My prayers are with you and your family.

Diane Moore - August 17, 2017 at 09:47 PM



"Thanks For The Momories"

Willis and Iris Brown - August 18, 2017 at 08:45 AM



Wonderful tribute of a life full of love! Well done good and faithful servant!

Beverly Murray - August 18, 2017 at 10:35 AM



Darren Lyons

What a fitting tribute to a wonderful life. God bless you and your family during this time.

Darren Lyons - August 18, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Beatrice Myrick Graves.*



August 20, 2017 at 02:15 PM



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“ *My love and condolences to you and the family, Aaron. I will always remember Aunt Bee for the warm hearted, gentle and loving person she was. Love you.*

Katherine Spratley

katherine spratley - August 17, 2017 at 08:29 PM



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“ *My deepest condolences are extended to you Aaron and your family during this time. May God wrap his loving arms around you and know that you are being prayed for daily.*

Karen Gates - August 17, 2017 at 04:10 PM