



Ms. Vernice Gatling

December 22, 1952 - July 3, 2020

Vernice Gatling entered into eternal rest on July 3, 2020, at 11:52 pm. She was born December 22, 1952, in Bertie County, NC, to the late Roy and Magalene Peele. She attended Newport News, VA, and Patterson, NJ School Systems.

Along her career path, her most proud moments in her work history were her CAN, Caregiver, educating children in the Arts, Music, and Technology, and lastly, she was a bus driver for NNPS which was her last occupation before her health declined. Yes, she was a "Jack of All Trades".

Born Vernice but also known as "Vee", "Vee Gee", and "The Enchanting VG" for those who knew her well, will say singing was her first love or her love language as I called it. She was trained in many genres which led to her having her own band while living in New Jersey. Later on, this brought her back to her roots in gospel and she recorded music with family and friends.

Vernice is preceded in death by her grandparents, Archie Gatling, and Pauline Bush; her brothers, Roy, Jr., Ray Anthony Peele, Randolph Peele, and Ricky Peele; her sister, Vanessa Peele; a special aunt, Marjorie Gatling; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, and aunts.

She leaves to cherish her memories her loving devoted daughter and her

caregiver, Tomeka Gatling; her living aunt, Gloria P. Carroll; niece/daughter, Larquita Smith; son, David Riddick; god-daughters, Maria Gallimore, Nicole Hosley, and Angelic Givens; two special nieces, Ebony (her songstress) Peele and Ivory (Diva) Peele; cousin Shon Clark; four god-grandchildren, Manyah and Miani Whiteside, Rayshawn Gallimore and Cal'Jawaun Allen; two sisters, Victoria Muhammad (Sulaiman) of Newport News, Va.; Vivian Smallwood of Hampton, Va.; two brothers, Randolph (Ray) Peele and Rodney Peele of Hampton, Va.; her two best friends, Robbie Ford of Memphis, TN and Patricia of Newport News, Va.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Gatling Public Viewing

JUL 17. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Gatling Funeral Service

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Vernice Gatling*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - July 15, 2020 at 02:06 PM

LM

Heaven has a beautiful spirit ! ❤️❤️❤️!... You will certainly be missed!

Lisa Mings - July 16, 2020 at 11:23 PM

DJ

Vee you was just like a big sis to me you will be truly missed. Love you always Lil sis Diane

Diane James-Hill - July 17, 2020 at 02:19 PM

SB

just found out that Vernice was my cousin. My Name is Sharon Bush and I work at Innovage. where vernice was a participant when I use to see her in the hall way and speak to her. I always told her for some reason that she was some kin to me My heart aches so bad. I will truly miss her. God Bless

Sharon Bush Battle - July 21, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MC

“ Mita Craig lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vernice Gatling



Mita Craig - July 18, 2020 at 06:05 PM

MJ

I will miss knowing I can't see you here, but I'm rejoicing knowing that you are with your Savior. I love you so much and be so happy to meet with you in heaven. Love you Sis.

Marian LaVon Johnson - August 12, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JB

“ John Bush lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vernice Gatling



John Bush - July 18, 2020 at 01:26 PM

AP

“ My beautiful friend and singing partner. I will miss your smiles and laughter and your beautiful voice. You were such a true friend, never changing. I love you sis. Enjoy shinning in the light of God's glory forever. I'll never forget you. ❤️

Alicia Mitchell Palmer - July 16, 2020 at 11:20 AM

HM

“ *Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vernice Gatling*



Henry Mitchell - July 14, 2020 at 03:38 PM