



Beatrice Cornellie Hughes

May 25, 1946 - April 27, 2026

Beatrice Cornellie Hughes was born on May 25, 1946, in Paramaribo, Suriname, to Renee Hughes and Emily Braams (Ykenhoff). She immigrated to the United States in 1966, where she built a life rooted in hard work, compassion, and dedication to others. Beatrice peacefully departed this life on April 27, 2026 in Lawrenceville, GA, with family by her side.

In 1968, Beatrice began her career in the medical field at Montefiore Hospital in Bronx, New York, working as a Nurse's Aide for 27 years. Determined to advance professionally, she became a Registered Nurse in 1994. She continued her career at Beth Israel Hospital as a Registered Nurse and Head Nurse of the Geriatric floor, where she faithfully cared for patients with skill and compassion for 17 years until her retirement in 2012.

Beatrice was preceded in death by her father, Renee Hughes; her mother, Emily Braams; her stepfather, Manfred Braams; her brothers, Dennis and Friedeman; her sister, Rinia; and her nephews, Milton and Waheed (Orlando).

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Jennifer Van Eckelen; sons, Emanuel (Tamika) and Sharif Van Eckelen; grandchildren, Satish, Ashanti, Shukri, Jaden, and London; and great-grandchildren, Wali Jr., Aasim, Waheed, Iyyad, and Sage.

She is also survived by her brother, Ivan; sisters, Lucie (Ivan Prade) and Victorine; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Beatrice will be especially remembered for the unwavering love and care she shared with her family. She is also deeply cherished by her “daughter-in-love,” Tamika, who devotedly cared for her until the very end.

Beatrice Cornellie Hughes will also be remembered for her strength, kindness, and lifelong commitment to helping others. Her memory will forever live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ Mommy I know I said I would be ok but truth is I miss so much. It's been 37 days of heartbreak for me. I'm so happy and grateful that you were chosen to be my mom because you were the best. You were not only my mom but my best friend. I miss calling you when I'm cooking and you saying to me “oh child I wish I was there so I can have some” I miss us talking about people and laughing. Some days I don't know if I'm coming or going. The thought of you not being here with me tears me apart but I know you are not suffering anymore and I'm happy about that. I will love you forever mommy. Please come visit me soon.

Jennifer VanEckelen - June 03 at 02:25 PM

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“ Andrews Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Beatrice Cornellie Hughes.



Andrews Family - May 07 at 09:25 AM

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“ Praying for you Meek and your family. Though I never got to meet Mac the way you loved and adored her, I knew she was a special Jewel! May God comfort all of you during this difficult time.

Wendy

Wendy - May 06 at 11:10 AM

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Thank you sis, I truly appreciate you in every way. She was still asking about you 2 weeks ago, making sure I was checking on your heart as well!

Tamika VanEckelen - May 06 at 11:11 AM

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“ There are no words that would describe what this last week was like without you. I miss you immensely! I am forever grateful for our relationship and the genuine love we shared for one another. I will miss you cheering me on as I look in the fridge for food to eat. You were the beat to my drum. I thank you for sharing your heart, your mind and your physical space with me. I love you My MAC! REST MY LOVE REST!

Tamika VanEckelen - May 06 at 11:04 AM



“ Blue & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Beatrice Cornellie Hughes.



April 30 at 05:41 PM