



Florence Davis Jernigan

November 1, 1929 - March 25, 2021

OBITUARY

Mrs. Florence Davis Jernigan

She was a giant of a woman, standing erect at less than five feet tall, in high heels, with beautiful skin as smooth as silk. Yes, she was a giant of a woman with a big voice that commanded attention when she spoke. She was unapologetic in her love for her family and not afraid to speak her mind whether asked or not. This beautiful giant of a woman was born on November 1, 1929 in Eufaula, Alabama. She transitioned on March 25, 2021 in Dacula, Georgia. She was ninety-one years young. She lived a full and beautiful life. Surely, her best life.

Florence was the youngest of three sisters. The eldest sister, Lois Childs preceded her in death. The family moved to Eufaula, Alabama from Clay County, Georgia prior to Florence's birth. Her mother, Mrs. Annie M. Davis passed away when Florence was a baby. She was reared primarily by her maternal grandparents: Handy and Ida Liza Jane Davis.

The Davis family owned a corner store where all members of the family worked. The family lived on and by Christian values. Florence spent her formative years in the family Church, Zion Baptist Church where she was an active member during her youth. Serving on the Usher Board as this was the

position that all members of the family held at one time.

An avid walker until crippling arthritis hindered her movement. She loved sports especially wrestling and later football where she became the biggest Falcons fan yet. She looked forward to Sunday afternoons with her grandson where they drank coffee and watched the Falcons. She was sure to dress in one of her Falcons jerseys. She was a game show enthusiast and the biggest Family Feud Fan. As a matter of fact, she was invited to three of Steve Harvey's live tapings.

This giant of a woman was called by many names including: Family encyclopedia (A sharp memory for all type details and everybody's birthday), Florence, Ms. Florence, Short-stuff, Auntie, Aunt Florence, Diva (as she enjoyed getting fully dressed every day), Ms. Jernigan, My Momma, Mommy. However, her favorite title, by far was, Granny. She loved her grandson, unconditionally.

She relocated to Georgia, to live with her daughter in 2010. While always insisting that she was only visiting and not living permanently in Georgia, she did develop a nice Bingo Social Group. The eight to ten ladies gathered monthly to play Bingo and win prizes. She enjoyed winning and was not very happy when she did not leave with prizes.

She leaves to cherish many wonderful memories: Daughter, Lois C. Richardson, Ph.D. (Georgia); Grandson, Johnny D. Richardson, MBA (Georgia); Sister, Mrs. Annie Will Owens (Alabama); Nieces, Mrs. Bernice Anthony (Alabama), Mrs. Rosie Alice Walker (Georgia); Nephew, Mr. Leroy Dennard, Jr (Georgia)., Stepson, Mr. Alfred A. Cummings (Kathleen) (Pennsylvania) and a host of great nephews, nieces, cousins, "other children", and friends. Her husband, Mr. Walter Jernigan preceded her in death.

The family request in lieu of flowers please make donation to your choice of the following:

American Heart Association

St. Philip AME Church Feeding Program

Fisk University

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Graveside Service

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Haven of Rest
597 Gammage Rd
Eufala, AL

Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Ms. Florence was an absolute joy! I will never forget actually meeting her. She was a faithful viewer of Fox5 Atlanta and for that I will forever be grateful. May she rest In Peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior.*

Aungelique Proctor Anderson - April 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM

RD

“ *Dearest Lois and Family,*

Although I didn't get a chance to know your mother, I came to love and admire her through you. You are such an amazing woman, daughter and mother who has always lead with compassion, empathy, and courage. We are so sad to hear of the lost of your beloved mother but so grateful for all the love she brought in this world and appreciative of all your love and support. Sending you our thoughts and prayers.



*Love
Richeleen, Marc, Justus, and Jaylend Dashield*

Richeleen Dashield - April 02, 2021 at 07:20 PM

BD

“ Dear Lois and Family,

There is no heart that could ever be prepared for the sorrow of losing a beloved Mother.

Your mother, Mrs. Florence Davis Jernigan, will forever live within your beautiful memories. The legacy of your mother will live on continually for the gifts she gave you are eternally a part of you.

Sending blessings and thinking of you with the deepest sympathy and heartfelt caring at this very sad time in the loss of your mother
Barbara Darden



Barbara Darden - April 01, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JJ

“ *Our Condolences to Lois, Richy and the Entire Family of Ms. Florence Davis Jernigan:*

Our Family joins you in grief and sadness on the passing of Ms. Florence. During our 40+ year friendship, whenever I had a wonderful telephone visit with Ms. Florence, she enjoyed my telling her that I was your friend from New Jersey with proud Dale and Barbour County, Alabama roots. Ms. Florence always seemed very happy about her life and very proud of your accomplishments. She was a woman of great faith, and I hope she knew how often your sisters-in-the-struggle at Kean University embraced her words of wisdom shared by you.

I am so glad that her transition was peaceful as she goes home to the Lord to take her rest and to re-unite with her loved ones like "Aunt Lois." Perhaps you will find some comfort in the words from our revered African American poet, James Weldon Johnson's God's Trombones, his sermons in verse:

*" Weep not -- weep not,
She is not dead;
She's resting in the bosom of Jesus."*

With sincerest loving sympathy,

Janice Harris Jackson, Retired Kean University Educator and Family: Kathryn Helms Harris; Sidney L. Jackson, Sr. and Sidney L. Jackson, Jr ("Rory")



Janice Harris Jackson - March 31, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JR

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Johnny Richardson - March 30, 2021 at 07:53 PM

EK

“ Lois , I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Florence, I pray that the Lord comforts you and the rest of the family. May she rest in peace.

Elaine Bullock Kelly(Alfred's Sister)



elaine bullock Kelly - March 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM

HW

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. It is so hard to say good-bye to those we love. God will keep you through this difficult time.

Helena M. Washington - March 30, 2021 at 02:43 PM

RW

“ Aunt Florence was a wonderful woman. I'm so blessed to have been her niece. Lois, please know that you are not alone. God will give you the peace, strength, and comfort that only He can give. I'm here for you, if you ever need me. You and Johnny will be in my prayers throughout the difficult days ahead.
Rest well Auntie...Until we meet again.

"Say not in grief that she is no more but say in thankfulness that she was"

~Rabindranath Tagore

Rosie Alice Dennard Walker



Rosie D Walker - March 30, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Florence Davis Jernigan.



March 30, 2021 at 09:28 AM

CP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

Carmen Peguero

Carmen Peguero - March 29, 2021 at 11:00 PM

MW

“ Dear Lois and family: I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I hope that you can take comfort in the many years that you had her and her love in your life. Sending love, strength, and warm hugs to you and yours at this difficult time. As a friend says, “What is remembered lives.” 🍷💕🌸🕯️

Marilyn White - March 29, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Blessings to you, Lois and your family as you celebrate your mother's homegoing. I know you have memories that will last a lifetime, so please allow them, along with the grace of God to comfort you in the days ahead.



Christopher Cottle

Christopher Cottle - March 29, 2021 at 09:31 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth D. Smith lit a candle in memory of Florence Davis Jernigan



Elizabeth D. Smith - March 29, 2021 at 07:14 PM

ES

I had the honor to meet Mrs Jernigan while visiting with Lois for our Book Club. Such a beautiful Lady! We had a nice conversation.
Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth D. Smith - March 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM

LB

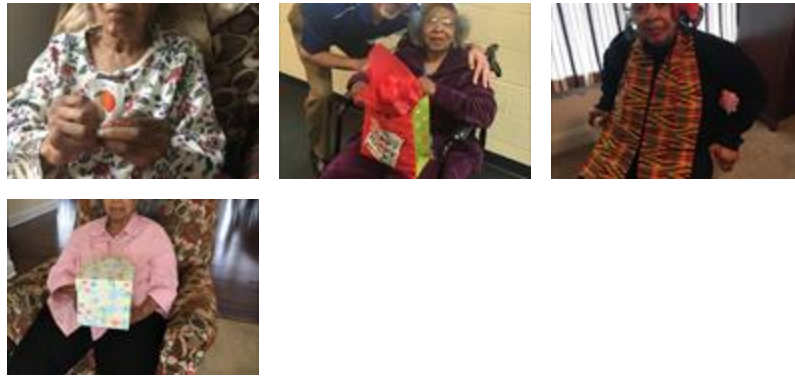
“ Linda L. Byers lit a candle in memory of Florence Davis Jernigan



Linda L. Byers - March 29, 2021 at 04:47 PM

JR

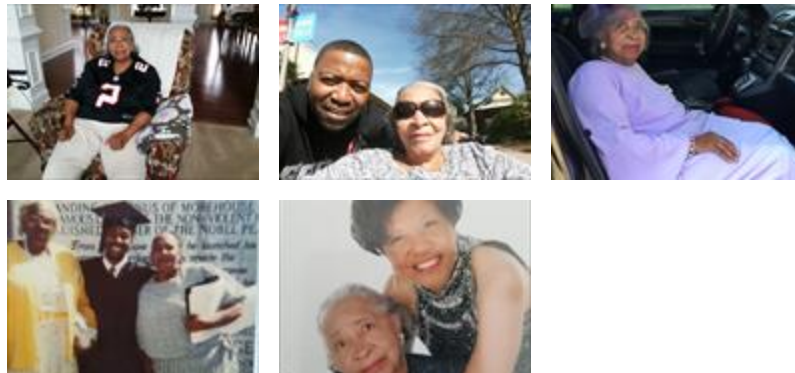
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Johnny Richardson - March 29, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JR

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Johnny Richardson - March 29, 2021 at 12:26 PM

KK

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family, thinking of all of you!*

-Kenan Kurspahic

Kenan Kurspahic - March 29, 2021 at 10:55 AM

WL

“ *We love you, Victoria and Larry purchased the **With Distinction** for the family of Florence Davis Jernigan.*



We love you, Victoria and Larry - March 29, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Florence Davis Jernigan.*



March 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

DP

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family. Johnny and I often share stories of our "grannies." I pray God give you comfort.*

DP - March 28, 2021 at 02:12 PM

KE

“*"Mama" was quite a spunky little lady. Fearless, tough, and quite firm in her opinions. I only met her a few times, but I knew she was a no-nonsense woman who could take on the world, and she did. She raised an amazing daughter that I have had the chance to know and learn from. She led a great life and I feel she had no regrets. Not a lot of people can say that. She will be missed by so many and that is the sign of a life well-lived. I know she leaves a hole in the hearts of those who loved her most.*

Kay Everett - March 27, 2021 at 08:47 PM

JG

“*Lois,*

I am very sorry to hear about your mother. Though I did not get to know her, anyone who can raise someone as fearless and unique as you---had to be extraordinary.

*Love,
Jo Galle*



Jo Galle - March 27, 2021 at 08:36 PM