



Mrs Leola Hughes

September 7, 1934 - July 18, 2019

On July 18th, 2019, Leola Coleman Hughes, age 84, passed away in Port Canaveral, Florida while on her family reunion vacation cruise. Leola was born and reared in Bessemer, Alabama. She graduated from Dunbar High School. After graduation, Leola moved to Warren, Ohio to live with her sister. She worked and trained at Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren as a Nursing Assistant. Leola loved her work and enjoyed helping people. Her future husband, Glenn C. Hughes, was in the military stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. They fell in love and married at a chapel on Camp Atterbury. After some years, they moved to Fort Bragg/Fayetteville, North Carolina where she raised their five children and cared for her Dad.

Leola loved to travel and traveled all over the world as a military wife and mother, living many years overseas in Germany and the Panama Canal Zone. She worked mostly on the military installations at their Post Exchanges as a Supervisor. She later worked at the Fort Bragg Credit Union on the installation as a Customer Service Representative. Leola then took a better job working for the Quick Stop Convenient Store chain in Spring Lake and Fayetteville, North Carolina, first as a Store Manager, then District Supervisor over several stores, and later as one of their Auditors. After Leola raised her five children and they graduated from high school and went onto college, she retired.

Although retired, she still sought ways to help other people, so she opened

and operated a successful home daycare business for over 20 years before she decided to retire again. While operating the daycare, Leola cared for and loved hundreds of children, many who still came to visit her up until her transition. After her first retirement, she wanted to know more about her parent's families and to bring them together. So, Leola founded and hosted the first Coleman–Crocheron Family Reunion, in 1990 and the annual family reunions are still growing and going strong. Leola loved her family and to travel, she traveled with her family reunions all over the United States. She also was a member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she served as an usher on Mt Olive's Usher Board for over 10 years.

“Queen Leola”, as she is affectionately called by her family, had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. Her bright smile, loving heart, and friendly positive disposition will be missed by all.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 1PM at Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 118 Johnson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Leola was preceded in death by her parents, her four sisters, and her brother; former spouse, Glenn Sr., and her two sons, Glenn II and Leo Nardo. She is survived by her two daughters, Sharon of Fayetteville, NC and LaFonya (Mike) of Valrico, Florida, and son, Gregory of Fayetteville, NC; daughters-n-law, Mina of Irvine, CA and Chestine of Lawrenceville, GA; eleven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family members residing all over the world.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
118 Johnson St
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Tribute Wall

LR

“ LULU ROZIER sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Leola Hughes



LULU ROZIER - October 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MS

“ May the lord comfort the family and bless them as we continue to keep them in our prayers to God be the Glory. Mr & Mrs David Strother.

Mr&Mrs David Strother - August 02, 2019 at 05:53 PM

CS

“ Carolyn And Kernist Stovall lit a candle in memory of Mrs Leola Hughes



Carolyn and Kernist Stovall - July 29, 2019 at 09:19 PM

EF

“ ELAINE FAISON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Leola Hughes



ELAINE FAISON - July 25, 2019 at 12:03 AM

EF

Rest in Power, Mama Hughes! Love you ALWAYS!!!

ELAINE FAISON - July 25, 2019 at 12:02 AM

RS

May your soul find rest as you dwell among the angels. I remember Mrs. Hughes from many, many years ago. We spent many a day laughing and talking. I remember Mrs. Hughes during her time as Trustee at Mt. Olive M.B. Church, Fayetteville, NC. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Robert E. Coleman, Sr.

Robert E. Coleman, Sr - July 27, 2019 at 07:42 PM

RS

Mrs. Hughes was a dear friend. I have great memories of visiting her on Sante Fe back in the '90's. As church members we ushered together on the same Sundays and she served valiantly as a Trustee for many years. I will miss my friend on this side of Jordan but we will certainly reunite in eternity around Heaven's way. May her soul rest in peace as those who she leaves behind find comfort in the Comforter's bosom.

*Be at peace my dear friend,
Robert E. Coleman, Sr.*

Robert E. Coleman, Sr. - July 30, 2019 at 01:33 PM

MA

Please except my condolences for your loss. I worked for Mrs. Hughes at the Quickstop store chain. Mrs. Hughes was a good supervisor . She was a very caring person. She really took interest in the ones that worked for her.

I feel your pain in my heart because I recently lost someone very close to me. What has helped me is the words found in God's Word the Bible at Philippians 4:6,7. Where it says may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding safe guard your heart by means of Christ Jesus. I hope this scripture and others from the Bible will provide comfort for you.

*Sincerely,
M.B. Archie*

MB Archie - August 09, 2019 at 10:43 AM