



## Margie Scott Word

June 11, 1930 - September 9, 2018

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**A TIME TO BE BORN** Margie Scott Word was born to Raeford and Sulie Scott on June 11, 1930. Three siblings, Van Wright (Isabell), David affectionately called Nees, and Flossie Townsend preceded her in death. The remaining sibling Lillie Mae Wright (Norwood) resides in Kingstree, SC. Margie was born and raised in Kingstree, SC. She accepted Christ at an early age and remained a stout believer and active member of the church throughout her life.

**A TIME TO LIVE** Margie was educated in the public schools of Williamsburg County, South Carolina. In 1950, Margie moved to Washington DC. She and John Henry Word were married on June 23, 1951. That union lasted until the time of her death (67 years).

**A TIME TO SERVE** Margie began her illustrious nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse after graduating from Margaret Murray Washington Practical Nursing School. She continued her education earning an Associate In Applied Science Degree In Nursing from The University of The District of Columbia in 1975.

Ms. Word's clinical expertise and leadership skills were enhanced by the diverse roles and positions that she held in Pediatrics, Public Health,

Community Health and Home Health Nursing. She is the first Black nurse to be appointed to a charge position at the Army Distaff Hall. She has consulted for Triax Corporation and The Trans-Management Home Health Corporation. Mrs. Word retired from the District of Columbia Government after providing more than thirty years of dedicated service.

Her biographical history reflects involvement in many health related activities. Included among these are health teaching for community groups with emphasis on the aged population, training of non-English speaking home health aides to provide care to our non-English speaking citizens, and coordinating health screening and teaching programs for the black community. Margie is a former President of the A. Lamond Riggs Citizens Association.

Professionally, her organizational memberships include: Basileus, Alpha Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.; Life Member, National Council of Negro Women; Advisory Committee for Home Care Service Bureau; Board of Directors, District of Columbia Nurses' Association; and Education Coordinator, National Association for Practical Nurses Education and Services.

Mrs. Word has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of her contributions to nursing. They include: District of Columbia Licensed Practical Nursing Association Outstanding Educator's Award (1979); Mayor's Public Service Meritorious Award (1985); Sisterhood Award, Alpha Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (1987); Dedicated Service Award, Alpha Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (1989); A. Lamond Riggs Association Block 12 Award (1990); Who's Who in Nursing (1992); Women Making A Difference In The Community - Radio Station WKYS and Television Station WDCA Channel 20 (1992); and Soror of The Year Award - Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (1992). 13th annual Salute to a Black Nurse Honoree The Black Nurses' Association of the Greater Washington D.C. Area, Inc. (1993)

In 1989, Mrs. Word was elected Basileus, Alpha Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority. At that time, she committed herself to leading Alpha Chapter to greater heights of service. Following an intense planning session with sorority members, it was agreed upon that a home for abandoned babies would be the service provided by the organization. With the support of Alpha Chapter a grant funded by the Department of Human Services was awarded for the sum of \$340,000.

As a result of Mrs. Word's vision, dedication and commitment, Chi Child Care Center opened its door on April 22, 1991. The Center continues to operate at full capacity.

As founder and administrator of Chi Child Care Center, Mrs. Word is directly responsible for the execution and overall administration of the Center. The successful management of the first year of operation has resulted in the District Government funding the grant in excess of \$400,000 for continued operation of Chi Child Care Center.

Margie always held leadership roles professionally, in her church and in the community. She served as a deaconess at Upper Room Baptist Church in Washington, DC where she and the family attended for many years. After joining Plymouth United Church of Christ in the early 80's she served as a deacon and served terms as the chair of the deacon board. While attending Plymouth she orchestrated an annual event to celebrate the lives of octogenarians. She enjoyed this project and continued to lead it well after she was 80 years old.

Over the years the Margie's house was home to many friends and relatives. Some lived with her for periods of time and others dropped in for counsel and

conversation. She was always working the phone solving problems and sharing her wisdom and insight.

**A TIME TO DIE** Early in the morning on September 9, 2018 Margie Scott Word transitioned to be with the Lord. She fought a good fight, she finished the race, she kept the faith. Now there is in store for her the crown of righteousness.

**A TIME TO MOURN** Margie leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy Her husband John, two children, Reginald and John, Sr. (Marsha), four grandchildren Regginald Washington (Deceased), Andre, John Jr., and Alexander, eight great grandchildren, Chevon Washington, Shanice Washington, Regginald Washington, Jr., Iyana Washington, and King Washington, (Regginald). Jalyynn Word and Jordyn Word (John Jr. and Juanita) and Ava Word (Alex and Brianna) and a host of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends with whom she would talk regularly and with whom she enjoyed being a confidant and friend.

Lillie Mae Wright's children Sulie Wright, JoAnn Haysbert, and Norman Wright  
Van Wright Scott's children: David "Sonny" Scott, Christine Davenport, Van Wright "Nat" Scott, Jr. (deceased), and Vastine  
David Scott's Child: Bobby Scott (deceased)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Plymouth Congregational United Church  
5301 North Capitol Street NE  
Washington, DC 20011

## Funeral service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Plymouth Congregational United Church  
5301 North Capitol Street NE  
Washington, DC 20011

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margie Scott Word.* ”



September 21, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Margie Scott Word.* ”



September 21, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *I was so very saddened to hear of Mrs. Word's passing-what a lady. I met the Words in 1994 and thought they were the cutest couple. They always treated me like a daughter and for that I will always be grateful. Mrs. Word will be dearly missed.* ”

**Ashita Greenwood** - September 18, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ *Word Family: May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father. In love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit ~ Anthony Mayo* ”



**Anthony Mayo** - September 16, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Mr. & Mrs. Ben Cooper, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Margie Scott Word*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Ben Cooper, Jr.** - September 14, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margie Scott Word.*

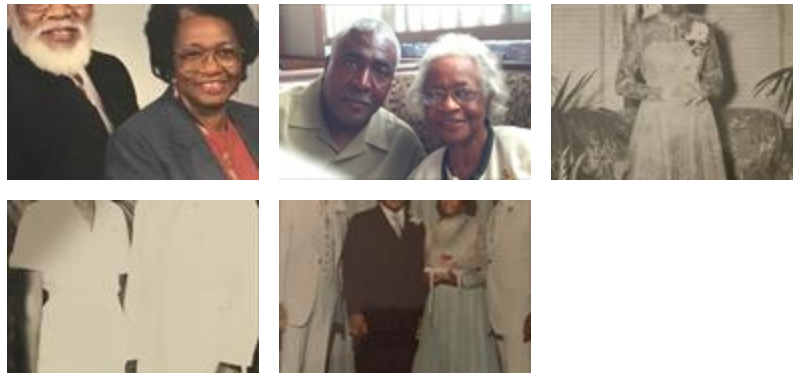


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September 12, 2018 at 05:13 PM

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“ *16 files added to the album Memories of Margie Scott Word*



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**John A Word** - September 12, 2018 at 12:03 PM