



Rita Franklin

September 8, 1915 - July 26, 2013

RITA E. Franklin Age: 97 Years Born: September 8, 1915 Departed: July 26, 2013 Rita E. Franklin was born September 8, 1915 in Washington DC, to the late Eugene and Mattie Driver. She joined Zion Baptist Church of Washington DC during her early years, sang in the choir, played the piano, and was a strong believer in the Lord. Rita attended public schools also in Washington DC and remained popular throughout all her schooldays and forever thereafter. Rita Franklin continuously demonstrated her dedicated and endless love for family and friends. She boldly displayed her generous heart and spirit, always wanting to ensure that everyone and everything was “alright”. Rita was amazingly an enormous amount of fun as well as often funny. Her favorite pastimes were reading the bible-newspapers-magazines, singing and dancing (Electric Slide Queen), discussing family history, visiting relatives, telling jokes and laughing, playing cards and Pokeno, and strolling up and down the halls/lobby/ recreation room of Garfield Terrace. Throughout several decades as a Washingtonian, Rita Franklin was recognized by the District of Columbia Mayor’s office, DC City Council and local newspapers. Rita departed from this life on July 26, 2013 at Brinton Woods Health & Rehabilitation Center in Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by her husband Benjamin Franklin (Army Veteran), sisters Myrtle Williams and Baby Driver, brothers Tommy Smith Sr. and Melvin Driver. Rita Franklin’s life as an aunt and cousin spans over five (5) generations. She leaves to mourn and cherish her in memory Mildred, Vincent (Elaine), Verdina, Arnna, Mathelda, Alwin/Bob,

Joyce, Tommy Jr. (Carolyn), Kevin, Karl, Lavonne/Sister (Cleveland), Kriss, Keith (Brenda), Deneen/DeeDee, Rhonda, Reginald, Rodney/Pepsi, Wanda, Jeanie, Vera, Ronald Jr., Tracie, Ruth, Corlette-Corky, and a host of other great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 2, 2013, at J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home Chapel, 7474 Landover Road, Hyattsville, MD, at 9:30AM. Service at 10:30AM. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia. Date TBA. Arrangements by J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc.

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers and love to you and your family.

Anita Bundy - August 01, 2013 at 09:03 PM

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“ I pray the Lord wraps His arms around the family during this time of bereavement. Peace and blessings
R.I.P. AUNT RITA

Lori Kelly - July 31, 2013 at 05:34 PM

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“ You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. Jesus gives us a hope for all those who have fallen asleep in death; the resurrection(Acts 24:15)when they will be raised up and restored back to eternal life, on the renewed Paradise earth.-John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43.

Mattie Jones - July 31, 2013 at 12:57 PM