



## Vergie Colden Maiden Malloy McKenzie

September 17, 1915 - January 29, 2020

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

2 Timothy 4:7

Vergie Colden Maiden Malloy McKenzie, daughter of James Maiden and Bessie Tate Maiden, was born September 17, 1915 on a farm near Havelock, in the Stonewall District of Richmond County, located in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Vergie was the third oldest of ten children born to her parents. In her formative years, Jesus' love was instilled in her heart by her parents, and she accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. Her family and she were devoted members of New Zion Baptist Church. Her grandfather donated the land on which the original church was built in 1867, and she attended church services regularly as a child. She received her formal education in the Richmond County Public Schools and was taught primarily by her aunt Carrie Tate, wife of Vergie's maternal uncle, Benjamin Harrison Tate. The schoolhouse Vergie attended continues to stand and is located across the road from New Zion Baptist Church.

In her late teens, Vergie moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she attended Apex Beauty School and was employed as a beautician. She joined Union Baptist Church and remained a member for many years until she returned to Virginia. While in Baltimore, she met Walter Clinton Malloy of Scotland County, North Carolina, and they were united in marriage in 1936. Two children were born during their marriage, Barbara Malloy Porter in 1943 and Walter Nathan Malloy in 1946. Vergie and her husband owned and operated a grocery store in Baltimore for many years. Vergie also was employed as a domestic and as a nurse's aide. Many years later, Vergie married Cyril McKenzie, who preceded her in death.

In 1977, Vergie moved back to Virginia, resided in Essex County, and devoted most of her time to her family, especially her grandchildren. She continued to serve as a faithful member of New Zion Baptist Church. She enjoyed Sunday service, particularly the Revival services held every August, and remained a lifelong member of the church until her

passing. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, wine making, crocheting, singing, reading her Bible, and listening to gospel music.

Vergie was a witness to many cultural, technological, and political milestones in her 104 years of life, including seven major wars involving the United States, the Great Depression, abolishment of Jim Crow laws, the Civil Rights Movement, voting rights for women and African Americans, expansion of the United States with Alaska and Hawaii statehood, the first African American president of the United States, and the nomination of the first female presidential candidate of a major political party in the United States. Vergie was a conscientious voter, taking advantage of her right to vote, and voted in each election, including the last general election in 2016.

Vergie was a champion of her family's educational pursuits, and she was particularly proud of their accomplishments. Her two children were both college graduates even though she was only able to earn an 8th grade education. Collectively, her daughter, son, and grandchildren have earned 23 degrees.

More importantly, Vergie was a true servant of the Lord and was proud to spread the Gospel. Vergie was a prayer warrior, praying early and often for her family and friends. We have all utilized her gift to help conquer life's toughest challenges. She gave freely and said "I love you" unconditionally. She was a living example of God's enduring grace and mercy, and through her example, she taught her family and many others how to be faithful followers of Christ. She will always be remembered for her joyful spirit, her abiding faith, her encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible, and her love for the Lord and all people who crossed her path.

Vergie departed this life on January 29, 2020, having lived 104 years, 4 months, and 12 days. She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters, three brothers, and two husbands. She leaves to cherish her memory her two children, Barbara and Walter; one daughter-in-law, Cynthia; seven grandchildren, Lydia, Rachel, Lisa, W. Nathan Jr., Jessica, Karl, and Karla; Rachel's husband, Wayne; Lisa's husband, Jonathan, and their children Alayna, Jaylin, Jonathan, and granddaughter Kathryn; Nathan's wife, Tammy, and their children Terry, Steven, Tyler, and grandson Jace; Jessica's husband, Landre, and their son, Jacob; nine nephews (Alvin, Bernard, Charles, Clifton, Gregory, H. Emanuel, Russell, W. O'Neal, Wayne), their spouses, and their children; six nieces (Dinah, Karen, Joan B. W., Joan M., Mary Florence, Patricia), their spouses, and their children; numerous cousins; and a host of other relatives and friends. May she rest in eternal peace.



# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**            02:00PM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

**FEB**   **Visitation**            10:00AM - 12:00PM

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New Zion Baptist Church  
5339 Newland Rd., Warsaw, VA, US, 22572

**FEB**   **Family Hour**           11:00AM - 12:00PM

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**FEB**   **Celebration of Life**            12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vergie Colden Maiden Malloy McKenzie.



February 06 at 07:45 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vergie Colden Maiden Malloy Mckenzie.



February 04 at 05:05 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - February 03 at 03:25 PM