



Rita Elaine Watkins

November 10, 1962 - February 10, 2021

February 10, 2021 marked the end of Rita Elaine Watkins' earthly journey. Rita Elaine Watkins, a first-generation Washingtonian was born to Charles and Teretha Watkins on November 10, 1962. She spent most of her formative years in the Hillcrest/Ft. Dupont section of the city. She attended Dupont Park Seven Day Adventist school and graduated from Notre Dame Academy. She attended Tuskegee (Institute) University and the University of the District of Columbia.

She began her professional career at Perpetual Bank and worked many years in the banking industry moving upward from teller to branch manager/assistant vice-president over the course of her career. She earned several certifications: project management, training specialist, and training facilitator.

Rita was a longstanding member of Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church. As a youth, she was a junior usher, acolyte, member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and choir member with the Inspirational Singers. As an adult, Rita service as a liturgist and a member of the Senior Ushers. She led and trained many junior ushers and young acolytes. Rita was the co-coordinator for the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) partnership between WIN and Hughes Memorial. She chaired the Church and Society ministry for several years. Rita faithfully served, most recently as the Trustee Chairperson.

In gathering her possessions from the nursing home, she has written a list of things she felt she needed to do. One of those items was to “write a note to the congregation.” Rita loved her church and her church family.

Rita joined Esther Chapter No. 6 and Keystone Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star on July 20, 2002. She was a dedicated member who worked tirelessly in Esther Chapter No. 6 and become the Worthy Matron in 2005. She later became the Worthy Matron of Electa Chapter No. 3. She was the Keystone Grand Chapter Lecturer for a number of years. She also served in the Upper Houses. She was Lecturer of the Deborah Court No. 1, Heroines of Jericho, Chief Counselor of the Lady Knights, Magaline Council No.1, a member of Julia Wallace Court No. 6, Daughters of Sphinx and Rose of Sharon Court No. 1, the Royal House.

Rita enjoyed a good laugh. Her photogenic smile would always light up a room. She could recite movie parts as though she were the script writer. Appearance was important to Rita; she always had her nails done, her hair coiffed and her lipstick fresh.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Teretha Watkins. She leaves to mourn her only daughter, Breanne Alyce Williams; her grandson, Cree Allen; her grandson-in-love, EJ Allen; her son-in-love, Eric Allen; her sister, Valerie P. Shade; his brother, Reginald Watkins; her nephew and his family, Earvin, Mia, Aubrie, Hollis, and Ethan Shade, her special friend and movie partner, Terry Tibbs as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Since you'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
4308 Suitland Road
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Service

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 02, 2021 at 12:03 PM



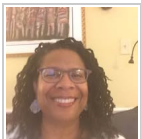
“ *Rita Elaine Watkins*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I will ALWAYS miss you Sis! Love you ALWAYS, Your brother from another mother, Mike. We'll see each other again.*

Michael A Williams - May 12, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Rita from our time in UMYF at Hughes. When I last visited Hughes, she greeted me with that same bright smile and warmth. I'm sending prayers of comfort to her family and friends.*

Karen Outen

Karen Outen - March 06, 2021 at 03:41 PM

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“ *Who would have known, who could have known. Rita no more pain. I will miss your smile our stories of our kids and just your presence. Until we see each other again I love you. Now go be the Diva in Heaven as you were here on earth. Your Cuz. Elena*

Elena Taylor - March 05, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JM

“ *Rita, Cousin, gonna miss that beautiful smile which could light up a room. I'm sure you're smiling in heaven. May you Rest in Paradise.*



JACKIE McKeithan-Foster - March 05, 2021 at 06:00 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me, We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - March 02, 2021 at 05:29 PM

ES

“ *May your Sweet Gentle Spirit, eloquent grace, and warm smile Rest in Heaven. Love The Tillman's*

Erique C. Tillman Sr - March 02, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Elaine Watkins.*



March 02, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 01, 2021 at 06:10 PM



Valerie Shade

My baby sister... I am at a loss for words to describe your departure. I know I will see you again. I tried to watch over you when you were here. May you watch over me now from heaven...

Valerie Shade - March 01, 2021 at 07:36 PM