



Viola Denkins

May 12, 1940 - March 28, 2020

Viola Denkins, 79, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020 in an Indianapolis, Indiana hospital. She graduated from Central High School in Hayneville, Alabama. Later in life, she graduated from Martin University with a B.A. Degree in Psychology. Viola was formerly employed by Herff Jones for a few years. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Fall Creek Parkway Church of Christ in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Mary Frances Smith, Sr.; two sisters; two brothers; three sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; and husband, Ervin E. Denkins, Jr. who called her "Baby Doll". Survivors include children, Sharon Maye-Jordan, Henry Maye, II, both of Indianapolis, IN, Ervin (Debbie) Denkins, III of Louisville, KY, Dorothy (Willie) Young of Houston, TX, Barbara (Rudolph) Holmes of Gulfport, MS, Sharon (Ronald) Edd of Tulsa, OK, Anita (John, Sr.) Taylor of Chattanooga, TN, and Yvette (Jeff) Wilson of Columbia, TN; grandchildren, Zachary Jordan, Kennedy Maye, Henri Maye, Candace (Michael, Sr.) Robinson, Staci Rogers, Leigh Newbold, Malcolm (LaMia) Himes, III, Edward Himes, Sr., Michael (Simi) Ruth, Leslie Ruth, John (T'Keyah) Taylor, Jr., and Andrew (Della) Taylor; great-grandchildren, Michael, Jr., Leah, Mark, Rachel, Jayni, D'mitri, Isaiah, Jaydiss, Jaleia, Marley, Edward, Jr., Salona, Lauryn, Ava, Avery, Aaron, and Alayna; sisters, Mary Butler of Indianapolis, IN and Martha (Ken) Williams of Bronx, NY; brothers, Dan Smith of Mobile, AL, Abraham Smith of Indianapolis, IN, and Joseph Smith of Montgomery, AL; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends; brothers and

sisters in Christ.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR 9. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Family Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Burial

APR 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Auntie Viola,

You loved God and you rejoiced in the things of God. Aunt Vi, you were the link to all the family members, whether near or far, you kept in touch. You would check on each of your siblings daily. Even when you were nearing the end of your life, you asked me had I talked to my mother and how she was doing. You rarely took a subtle approach when you shared your opinion. That was the way Auntie Viola "rolled." Your smile and your caring ways will be sorely missed. I'll always love you Aunt Vi.

May God comfort and strengthen Sharon, Zachary, Henry, and the Denkin's Family.

-Annie, Bree, & Charles Glenn

Annie Glenn - April 12, 2020 at 09:54 PM

DY

Ann, that was beautiful and so true. I remember you from the brief time you stayed in Houston with me and Malcolm. Such a long time ago.
Dorothy (Himes) Young

Dorothy Young - April 18, 2020 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ *My sister friend Viola, loved God's word and she shared his word with everyone she knew. She was a serious student of God's word. She loved to sing his praises. I will miss my sister in Christ as we talked everyday. We were coworker's in God's kingdom. She loved her husband "daddy" and we were all family. May God bless Sharon, Henry & their families.*

Sis. Rosa Wooden

Rosa Wooden - April 12, 2020 at 02:06 PM

BB

“ To my sister in law Sharon, Zackery, and family. The Brents family send our condolences to your family. Mrs. Viola would call to check on me weekly with kind words of encouragement, that was helpful! I will miss her sweet pleasant voice. We pray that God will strengthen, console and comfort your family as only he can do! We love you!



Kevin & Belinda Brents and family

Belinda Brents - April 11, 2020 at 11:37 AM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - April 10, 2020 at 10:01 PM

AL

“ To Dorothy, Anita, John and the entire Denkins family.

We, the members of the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song (CCSPAAS), want the family to know that our hearts are with you as you gather to say "See You In The Morning".

Where As, the passing of your beloved is the will of God and there is a human tie that has been broken which bleeds the heart in agony and pain. We are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

To the family, we know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow.

"I am leaning on the Lord, who died on Calvary".

*The Chattanooga Choral Society
Aundrette Logan, President
Michael Mitchell, Director
Roland M. Carter, Director Emeritus*

Aundrette Logan - April 09, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DY

To the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song,

Thank you for the beautiful resolution and keeping our family lifted in prayer. May Abba Father continue to shine His blessings in your lives.

Dorothy (Denkins) Young

Dorothy Young - April 18, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DY

“ *Because I know my Redeemer lives and great is God's faithfulness, it is well with her soul. I believe the Holy Spirit grants Mama that assurance. May she rest well now in the arms of Jesus.*



Dorothy Young - April 07, 2020 at 06:33 PM

GH

Praying our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father will be your comfort, strength, and peace...today and the days ahead. May all the precious memories of Sister Viola that are stored in your hearts bring you comfort and joy when you are overwhelmed sadness. My love and deepest condolences, Gloria Hardaway.

Gloria Hardaway - April 11, 2020 at 03:07 PM

VT

Sister Denkins had a warm spirit. She was always ready with encouragement and a caring heart. I loved her willingness to share her joy. She would call and check on you and get on you in her way if she hadn't seen you in awhile. I will miss seeing those beautiful hats and she wore them with that hat pin on the side. Rest Well. Sharon, you and the family will be in my prayers.

Vonda S. Tyler - April 12, 2020 at 12:45 AM