



Ms. Velma J. Douglas

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"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" - Psalm 23:6

Ms. Velma J. Douglas entered her heavenly home on October 23, 2023.

Born in Galveston, Texas to Rev. Ewing and Lue Ella Harris, on October 20, 1942, Velma was the youngest of five children. Like her siblings, she attended Central High School, part of Galveston Independent School District. Central School was established in 1885 as the first Texas school for African American students, and it was renamed Central High School in 1886. During her matriculation at Central High School, she was a proud member of the Top Hatters, the school's all black drill team. Velma was no shrinking violet. She participated in the 1960 desegregation movement that included lunch counter sit-ins, as well as protests at theaters and restaurants in the Galveston area.

Upon completing high school in 1961, Velma's pursuit of higher educational opportunities took her to two HBCUs: Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas, and Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. Following her time at Texas Southern University, she enrolled in and graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Vocational Nursing, becoming a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 1964. She began her career at Ben Taub General Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, Texas. Her scholarly pursuits led her to attend and graduate from the Sacred Heart Dominican College School of Nursing, in Houston, Texas with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1974. After becoming a registered nurse, she continued her career at M. D. Anderson Hospital, Martin Luther King Community Health Center, Methodist Hospital, and Harris County Psychiatric Center in Houston, Texas, to name a few. Additionally, she obtained certifications for Nursing Home Administrators (1987), Harris County Psychiatric Nurse Internship Program (1987) and Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (1995). During her 56-year nursing profession, she dedicated 40 years to working as a psychiatric nurse.

On June 26, 1965, she married Samuel Buford Douglas and to this union two wonderful children were born, Samuel Buford "Chuck" Douglas II and Cheryl Lynn Douglas. While the union



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dissolved, she and Samuel remained dedicated parents and later grandparents.

At an early age, Velma accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior under the spiritual guidance of her father at Spiritual True Church in Galveston, Texas. She was a devoted member of the Metropolitan CME Church, which initially was located in Houston's Third Ward area on Holman Street before relocating to Cullen Boulevard in 1969. Under the guidance of Rev. Paul Young and Rev. Dr. R.L. Finney, she remained an active participant in the church. She then transitioned her membership to Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C.L. Jackson. In January 2009, she joined Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Marcus D. Cosby. Sister Douglas was gifted with the ability of song, and she shared her voice amongst voices. She served as a member of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, under the leadership of V. Michael McKay, and at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church as a member of the Unity Choir, under the leadership of Leon C. Lewis.

Amongst her many interests, she was a faithful and active member of the MacGregor Palm Terrace Neighborhood Association, and her passions included shopping, traveling, fishing, and gardening, but her greatest joy came from family gatherings. Her 80th birthday celebration in October 2022 was a memorable event, during which she received a City of Houston Proclamation signed by Mayor Sylvester Turner and a United States flag from the Honorable Al Green that was flown over the United States Capital. Additionally, she was an avid collegiate football fan and held the distinction of being a devoted inaugural season ticket holder for the Houston Texans.

Velma entered eternal and peaceful rest on Monday, October 23, 2023. An admirable and blessed life had come to its final call, and God opened His comforting arms to allow her to join Him in her new heavenly home. She was a good wife, an exceptional mother, a great grandmother, sibling, relative, friend and colleague to many.

Velma will be in the presence of family members who preceded her in death: her parents, Rev. Ewing and Lue Ella Harris; three sisters, Eura Vernedia Jones, Nettie Marie Harris, and Ursulee Bobino; and her only brother, John M. Harris. She leaves behind her children, son, Samuel Buford "Chuck" Douglas II (Krishelle) of Missouri City, Texas; daughter, Cheryl L. Douglas of Rosharon, Texas; bonus daughter, Ashley Calhoun (Matthew) of Atlanta, Georgia; three grandchildren, Kyla and Caleb Douglas and Harper Calhoun; long time best friend, Delores Houston of Katy, Texas, dear relatives and friends, and many who embraced her as a beloved mother figure.



Events


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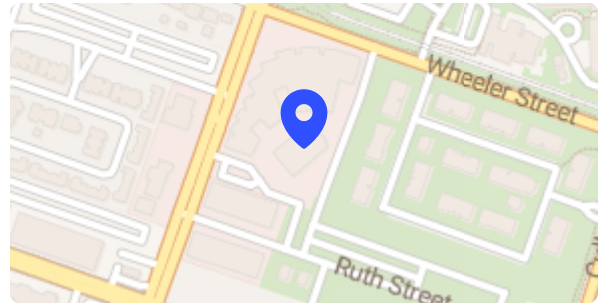
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Visitation

 **Friday**, November 3, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**
3826 Wheeler Avenue, Houston TX 77004

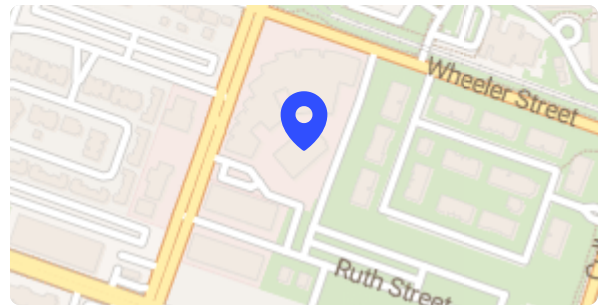


Celebration Of Life

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Mabrie Memorial Mortuary shared the funeral program for Ms. Velma J. Douglas.

November 3 at 5:29 AM



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DW

Dr. Anjanette Wyatt posted:

Cheryl, I am so saddened to hear of the passing of your mom! I know how proud she was of you and what special bond and relationship you shared! I pray that God strengthen you and keep you during this difficult time in your life! If there is anything you need, do not hesitate to call on me and all of your Delta Sorors! We love you! ❤️ Dr. Anjanette Wyatt Your Sister in Delta

November 11 at 2:24 PM

JD

Jennifer Dial shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am going to miss your laugh, smile and elegance. I can still hear your unique beautiful voice and laugh. I loved the way you affectionately talked about your beautiful kids and grandkids and family. I am going to miss our talks about "The Voice" among other fun loving conversations. You were like a second mother to me. The seeds of knowledge and wisdom that you sewed into me will be forever etched in my heart. Big thank you for loving my family and especially my mother, your "BFF"! Thank you also for always supporting me and my poetry. I can still hear you lovingly saying some of my lines. It always warmed my heart. "All we know about our beautiful angel more precious than an elegant pearl!! Is what she chose to lovingly change the world!! "From the heart and soul of Quiettalker Love you forever VJ!!! Jennifer



November 4 at 4:08 AM

BA

Betty Allen lit a candle in honor of Velma.

To the family of Velma Douglas, it is my prayer that you be strengthened by God's comfort, peace and love. I worked with Velma at UTMB Galveston. She was smart, vivacious and outspoken, yet very caring. It was a pleasure to know her. May the life that she lived speak for her. Betty Allen



November 2 at 8:17 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Douglas family.

November 2 at 12:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Douglas family.

November 2 at 11:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Douglas family.

November 2 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Velma.

November 2 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Douglas family.

November 2 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Douglas family.

November 1 at 4:29 PM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Velma.

November 1 at 4:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Douglas family.

October 31 at 11:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Douglas family.

October 31 at 11:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Douglas family.

October 30 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Velma.

October 30 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Douglas family.

October 30 at 7:17 AM





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October 28 at 9:18 AM



Stefano Sdringola posted:

An extraordinary Woman. Dignity, intelligence, generosity. She never complained, accepting with courage her many adversities. Kind and compassionate, lived an exemplary life. A real Queen in the most positive meaning of it. A symbol of a life of passion, compassion and unselfish Love at the service of others. A leader, never putting her own needs first. I will strive to carry on her example, honoring such a great teacher. Our world will never be the same without her, but it is true: her smile, bright intelligence and kindness were filling the space on Earth and will continue to do it in Heaven! With my highest respect, admiration and Love, Stefano Sdringola

October 28 at 6:31 AM



Helen Jones October 30 at 6:40 AM

On October 23 my dear friend Velma Douglas was called to her Heavenly home. I will miss seeing and talking with her about college and professional football and being honorary television coaches by supporting Black football players and coaches. It won't be the same without her. Velma you are our angel in Heaven. We will love you always. Your friend always, Helen Jones.



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LB

Lisa M Boone posted:

My memories of momma Douglas makes my heart smile. She took me in as a daughter 30+ years ago and never let me go. Her physical absence is heartbreaking, but her spirit is with all of us. I'm thankful for every laugh, every brunch, every celebration we shared. I can smile despite my pain because I know she's already the life of the party in Heaven. Mom knows I'll be with the family through all things. Warm regards and lasting love. Lisa

October 26 at 12:34 PM

JJ

Joseph B Carper Jr. October 29 at 8:15 AM

I have many fond memories of Velma. She was a wonderful person to be around and often Challenging! but you wouldn't need to be around long before learning how much she loved her Children and Grand Children. within 5 minutes of any visit you would be engaged in applauding any accomplishments, drawn into Prayers and hopes for their future success and finally recruited to join the team to support. them in their endeavors. Velma is a beautiful Soul and example on so many levels. God Bless her family and friends. MS Velma is at Pease!

FD

Franklin Dray October 27 at 6:13 AM

Velma, was much much more than a classmate, or a friend. We have remained in contact since we graduated, from high school in 1961. I was a member in her wedding party. I lived in Connecticut when she and her family, were visiting in New Jersey. My wife and I, drove down to New Jersey to meet them. We spoke two weeks ago, just reminiscing about our past. The good times that, we had. How fortunate we were to be brought up, in a era, where everyone cared about everyone else! I thank GOD, for allowing Velma, to be part of journeythru life. Velma wasn't afraid to call u friend. But she also wasn't afraid to pity in ur place, if u was wrong, it wouldn't be sugar coated either, to the point. But was quick to say, ❤️U! Her void will never be replaced! Love u Velma Harris Douglas! Franklin D Ray



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Jennifer Dial shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 4 at 4:08 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Velma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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