



Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines

March 28, 1923 - September 21, 2018

I, Mary Lee Vines

was born March 28, 1923 to the late George and Annie Mae Williams Grimes. I was the seventh of thirteen children and have been the only surviving sibling since 2012.

I was married to the late Willie Lee Vines for over thirty years and we had seven children; the late Booker T. Vines of Washington, DC, Earlene Anders (Earl) of White Plains, MD, Mary C. Keys Speller (the late Barney Keys and the late Simon Speller) of Ayden, NC, George L. Vines (the late Minnie) of Ayden, NC, Dorothy J. Vines Dudley (Robert) of Bethel, NC, Linda Harding (Guy) of Chocowinity, NC and Willie Grimes, Jr. (Young) of Tampa, FL.

I was blessed with twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and nine great, great grandchildren. I leave one sister-in-law, Alice Grimes, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends to celebrate my homegoing not to mourn it.

I was unable to attend school beyond sixth grade because I had to work, but, I always wanted to complete high school. On April 27, 1965, I obtained my GED from Pitt Community College.

I became a member of Bethel Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as a teenager and remained very active until a few years prior to my illness. I sang in the choir, was financial secretary and taught Sunday school. I became Mother of the Church where I served faithfully for many years.

I was blessed not to only vote for the first Black President, but felt doubly blessed that President Barack and Michelle Obama sent me a letter in celebration on my 90th birthday in March 2013.

This journey has been a long one and not always easy, but the God I know and love has been with me every step of the way guiding me as I embark on this new voyage. This is not the end, but the beginning of my new life. Be happy for me because God prepared me for this journey years ago. As much as I love you family and friends, I am more than ready to be with my heavenly Father in my new home.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

328 Cemetery Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines*



Congleton Funeral Home Staff - October 03, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *On behalf of the Vines family in Danbury Connecticut, Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Aunt Mary. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.*

Love Always

Gloristine Vines-Perkins and Family



Sean Vines - September 28, 2018 at 01:01 PM

PS

“ To my aunt Mary Lee Grimes Vines my you rest in peace & to the rest of the family keep the faith 🕊️🙏🕊️



Paul Andrews bland Sr - September 28, 2018 at 10:30 AM

RB

“ My condolences to the family. I remember her smile and the talk we had. when I was coming down from Ct to spend the summer with my grandmother(Queenie Grimes).she will b miss. Love you family may God b your strength

Renew bland-hyman - September 28, 2018 at 09:40 AM

RB

“ Renew Bland-hyman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines



Renew bland-hyman - September 28, 2018 at 09:37 AM

DW

“ Condolensces on behalf of the family of the late George Linwood Worsley. I, Dianne, remember her as one of the "solid" citizens of Bethel who was not hesitant to be part of the Bethel "village" that it took to raise a child. Her ever present smile always brought joy to my heart.



May God comfort your hearts.

Dianne Wilson - September 28, 2018 at 07:56 AM

MC

“ *MIN DORA COX lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines*



MIN DORA COX - September 28, 2018 at 02:47 AM

RB

Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines, You are a blessing in my life because of Mommy Earlene! She is loving, kind, caring and a delightful righteous woman! That is a reflection of the loving structured you brought her up with! You will be missed Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines. May you rest in peace. Sincerely, Ms. Rosa Maria Benitez, mommy Earlene's adopted daughter.

Rosamaria Benitez - September 29, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 27, 2018 at 11:56 AM

DM

“ *Delores Montgomery purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines.*



Delores Montgomery - September 26, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ *Joseph & Peggy Slade lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines*



Joseph & Peggy Slade - September 26, 2018 at 06:26 PM

WC

“ *Walter Council lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Grimes Vines*



Walter Council - September 25, 2018 at 09:37 PM

KI

“ On the behalf of Kingdom Empowerment Ministries, Inc. and Apostle Emma Speaker Dickens (Senior Pastor), we extend our heartfelt condolences to your family during your time of bereavement. We will continue to lift your family up unto the Lord. We are assured he will be the peace and comfort that you need now and the days to come. Know that God is with you, he loves you and he cares.

*With love and prayers,
K.E.M. and Apostle Emma S. Dickens*

KEM Inc. - September 23, 2018 at 06:52 AM

GP

To the family of Aunt Mary L Vines our hearts are very heavy right now sometimes you can make plans to do something but God has other plans so sorry for our loss aunt Mary Lee was a very special person that showed so much love to everyone she met. Our prayers and love is sent your way.

*With our love
Gloristine and the Vines family
Danbury Ct.*

Gloristine Perkins - September 28, 2018 at 11:21 AM