



Susan Marie Woodley

May 25, 1937 - January 20, 2024

Softly, God whispered for Susan to come home on January 20, 2024, at Memorial Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loved ones and she went to live with The Lord.

Susan Marie Woodley was born on May 25, 1937, to the late Benjamin and Carrie Brown in Charles City, VA. Susan confessed Christ at an early age and became a faithful member of the Elam Baptist Church and was a working Christian that served on several auxiliaries: the Willing Workers Ministry, the Hospitality committee and the Ushers Ministry and served as president for many years and was currently an active Usher until her health declined.

Susan was preceded in death by her husband; Lawrence Woodley Sr., sons; Ronnie Woodley, Lawrence Woodley Jr., daughter; Vanessa Otey, Grandson; Larry Wallace, brothers; Charles Brown, Joe Brown, Aubrey Brown and Lawrence Brown Jr.

Susan's love for her church family and for everyone she met was wholeheartedly felt and shown with a hug and kiss which would be followed by "I love you". She received her education from Ruthville Public School and went on to be employed by M & B Hat Factory where She retired after 22 years of service to focus on spending more time with her beloved family. Susan married the love of her life; Lawrence "LJ" Woodley on November 3, 1956; this

union of 60 years produced eight children.

“Luce” as she was affectionately known was kind, caring and nurturing. She genuinely loved people and people loved her. She was always buzzing around the county visiting and bringing food, to those that she would say “just needed a little company”, but we knew she just really wanted to run her mouth (lol). Her home was a safe haven for anyone that would visit. She loved to cook! She was known for her biscuits, salt herrings and fried potatoes. She loved feeding her family and anyone who came by; playing spades, working her puzzles and spending time with her peers of the Young at Heart Senior Club, where she was crowned their Queen for 2019. Her family gave her great joy and she loved them unconditionally. She would always say; “Don’t tell me bye, say see you later”. Susan was a Virtuous Woman, who loved God. The Matriarch of the Woodley family is gone, but her spirit will forever live on in everyone she touched. She would always say that She was going to fill Elam with Woodley’s. And on this day, her vision has been fulfilled.

Susan leaves to cherish her sweet and loving memories: four sons; Lorenzo Woodley, Larry Woodley(Carrie), Everett Woodley Sr.(Elsie), Kenneth Woodley(Michelle), one daughter; Deloris Williams, one daughter in law; Mary Woodley, brothers in law; Robert Woodley(Diane), Allen Woodley(Jackie), four sisters in law; Caldonia Brown, Barbara Brown, Barbara Woodley, Annis Woodley, Grace Woodley; twenty-five grandchildren: Arleen Mosley(Damion), Lamont Haynesworth, Myeasha Pope-Everson, Karisha Burnett, Antonio Burnett, Lawrence Miles, Loyce Miles, Monica Davis, Dorsha Wallace, Larrette Wallace, Markus Woodley, Tiffany Woodley, Kenneth Otey, Je’Quan Carroll, Christie Woodley, Alphonso Woodley, Latoya Woodley, Donika Woodley, Everett Woodley Jr., Adrienne Tabb, Kenneth Spivey, Kenneth Crawley, Latay Spivey, Kenneth Woodley, and Phillip Woodley; fifty-six great-grandchildren; thirteen great-great grandchildren, beloved friends; Anne Bowman, Denise Burrell, Annis Woodley, Demetrius Bradsby, Rev Dr. Horace

Parham, Annie Shackleford; devoted cousin; Clara Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service will be held 2PM Sunday, January 28, 2024, at Elam Baptist Church 13060 The Glebe Ln, Charles City, VA 23030. Viewing will be one hour prior to services.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Charles City, VA, VA

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Elam Baptist Church
13060 The Glebe Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Elam Baptist Church
13060 The Glebe Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Momma Woodley.. I'm so lost in my thoughts. Just remembering you accepted me as your own grandchild was the most loving feeling. Going to your house for cookouts and dinners and seeing you playing spades are memories that are permanently with me..I love u forever and always ❤️

Ma'Khie Cooke - January 29, 2024 at 11:27 PM

YB

“ Yvonne Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Yvonne Bradby - January 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM

TT

“ Sooo sorry to hear of Susan's passing, I would love to have come to the funeral but I just found out today. She was a loving and fun person

Thompson Thelma - January 28, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CA

“ Constance Adkins & Family



Constance Adkins - January 28, 2024 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ *Cecelia Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Cecelia Bradby - January 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM

DB

“ *Diamond, Caldonia Brown and Family send their sympathy. We are truly sorry for your loss and want you to know that we are here to support you all during this difficult time.*



Diamond Brown - January 27, 2024 at 04:53 PM

JW

“ *Jenella & Bob Walls lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Jenella & Bob Walls - January 27, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ *God saw that you were tired, he said come and take your rest my good and faithful servant! You fought a good fight Luce! We will truly miss you and that contagious smile! Adrienne and I will always love you!!!*

Missy Tabb - January 27, 2024 at 10:02 AM

DC

“ I’m truly sorry for your lost, she was a very loved lady by everyone who knew her. We all loved her as a Beautiful, humble Queen. When you was in her company always a Smile. Much Love Family. I told Rose she was on her way.



Dale Crawley - January 27, 2024 at 08:08 AM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda Hones-Wood - January 26, 2024 at 09:53 PM

FM

“ Fay Mason lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Fay Mason - January 26, 2024 at 02:52 PM

FM

Rest easy my friend, love you

Fay Mason - January 26, 2024 at 02:49 PM

CR

“ *Charlene B. Redman lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Charlene B. Redman - January 26, 2024 at 09:16 AM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Kenneth Tabb - January 26, 2024 at 08:54 AM

RB

“ *To the family sorry for your loss you mom was a special person going to miss her wings was ready but our hearts wont, going to miss her smiling face and laughter love one another*

Robin bradby - January 26, 2024 at 08:04 AM

SH

“ *Condolences to the entire Woodley family!
Rest in paradise Ma Woodley..*



Shalanda Hicks - January 26, 2024 at 02:28 AM

HS

“ *Hank Sellers lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Hank Sellers - January 25, 2024 at 10:21 PM

CW

“ *To The Woodley Family
YOUR MATRIARCH WILL LIVE FOREVER
IN YOUR HEARTS
I remember when I joined the Usher's
Ministry; Luce was there for me. She took me
to get my first uniform; Luce was there for me. She gave me the
guidelines and responsibilities of being a great usher, and I thank
her for that. I could always go to her and ask if I were doing things
right and she always told me "stop worrying you'll be fine." Thank
you. Luce for always being there. I am going to miss you.
Love, Cookie Wallace*



Cookie Wallace - January 25, 2024 at 09:53 PM

B

“ *Bonnie Gatdner lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Bonnie Gatdner - January 25, 2024 at 09:51 PM

FC

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Frances Cotman - January 25, 2024 at 07:59 PM

SA

“ *RIH MA LUCE.*



Sandra - January 25, 2024 at 12:30 PM

WM

“ *William Miles lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



William Miles - January 25, 2024 at 10:43 AM

WB

“ *Sincerest sympathies to the Woodley family. Ms. Woodley was a very sweet person with a gentle, quiet spirit, always smiling. May God bless, keep and comfort you during this difficult time.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - January 25, 2024 at 10:06 AM

FB

“ Felicia & Bert sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Felicia & Bert - January 24, 2024 at 05:05 AM

RA

“ Larry, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a sweet woman with a heart of gold. You were a good son to her.

Ruth Adams - January 23, 2024 at 03:29 PM

AB

“ We are sending prayers and condolences to the Woodley family. Agnes Bradby.and family



Agnes Bradby - January 23, 2024 at 02:43 PM

JH

To the Woodley family, my deepest, sympathy for the loss of Mrs. Lou!!
May God comfort each of you through this difficult time.
AFA, Janet Harden

Janet Harden - January 24, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MC

“ I'll always remember that smiling face standing ready to greet you. How could you not get in a good mood when you got in her presence. Gonna miss those good words. So sorry for your loss family.



Marilyn Crump - January 23, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Larry, we are so sorry to hear about your Mom.



JB Crewe - January 23, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JJ

“ Rest in Peace Ms Susie! You will never be forgotten ❤️

Josie Jones - January 23, 2024 at 09:19 AM

RA

“ Roxanne Adkins lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Roxanne Adkins - January 23, 2024 at 08:40 AM

TS

“ Tina Janes Smith lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Tina Janes Smith - January 23, 2024 at 08:01 AM

AH

“ Adriane Hicks lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Adriane Hicks - January 23, 2024 at 07:45 AM

LJ

“ Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Linda Jones - January 23, 2024 at 04:28 AM

AJ

“ Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley



Anthony and Ebony Jones - January 23, 2024 at 02:57 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Brenda Jones - January 23, 2024 at 01:45 AM

AG

“ *Angela S Greene lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Angela S Greene - January 22, 2024 at 10:36 PM

TJ

“ *Twana Jones lit a candle in memory of Susan Marie Woodley*



Twana Jones - January 22, 2024 at 08:56 PM

TJ

My step mom love you

Twana Jones - January 22, 2024 at 08:57 PM

B

Meeting Ms. Woodley was like meeting an angel of joy, love and excitement. She always had a smile and enjoyed being around everyone. I got to know her from a distance. I will miss her from our Young At Heart activities. May God bless and keep all of you. Your mother grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend was beautiful in and out. She had a heart of gold that pulled you to her without you realizing she was an angel sent to put a smile on your face and love in your heart. She leaves her legacy to all of you to be strong and steadfast while you hold up her values and wishes.

Bonnie Gadtner - January 25, 2024 at 10:22 PM

CC

“ To my sweet cousin you were also my dear friend. Humble, Wise, Angel of light. Until we see one another again. Your love, Strength and wisdom, our family will forever carry in our heart. Love, cousin Crystal and family.

Crystal Harris-Thomas, Cousin - January 22, 2024 at 05:16 PM

SB

Who knew the day of the parade we sit and talked for the last time. The words of encouragement you spoken often telling me you proud of me. Wow I'm such a cry baby. Kiss momma& daddy for me.. never goodbye. See you later.. I love me some you. Take your rest queen

sherry bowman - January 22, 2024 at 08:26 PM

RB

Donney and Larry we are so sorry to of the loss of your mom. Aka Luce. I remember the years her and I would car pool to work. She's an amazing woman, truly will be missed. May God give you strength and peace knowing She's in a better place. No more suffering. May God Bless you and the rest of the family. R.I.P Luce. Renee, Carlton and Reggie.

Renee Brown - January 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM

PJ

Mrs. Woodley was the sweetest person anyone could ever meet. She always had a smile on her face and was ready to give you a hug, a word of encouragement, or whatever you needed. She truly believed in our Lord and Savior and let everyone know it. She was a lady who loved her family and her church dearly. Rest well sweet lady your work here on earth is done.

Patricia Dianne Jones - January 23, 2024 at 10:16 PM

PJ

To the Woodley family, my wife and I are deeply sorry about your lost, we want to let you know that we are praying for you and we are praying that the Lord will give you the strength you need to carry you through, God has promise not to leave nor forsake you, and the lord always keeps his promises, Pastor Georg and Diane Magazine, Mt. Zion Charles City Va.

Pastor George Magazine Jr. - January 25, 2024 at 01:12 AM

NJ

To the Woodley Family May God strengthen you and keep and protect you Jesus took a beautiful Angel home she will be deeply missed love you

Nettie jones - January 27, 2024 at 10:21 PM