



Ms. Merlee Reese

October 16, 1937 - May 16, 2019

Services for Ms. Merlee Reese will be held on Friday May 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

Merlee Reese, the eldest daughter of the late Van “Red” and Clara McCory Sanders, was born on October 16, 1937, in Winnsboro, South Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on May 16, 2019 in Chapin, South Carolina.

Ms. Reese was educated in the Public Schools of Richland County, South Carolina. Merlee started her family early in Columbia, SC and later moved to Braddock, Pennsylvania. While in Braddock, she worked for several years as a domestic worker. She later joined the staff at McGee Women’s Hospital, and worked her last post as a supply clerk until her position was furloughed after twenty-three years, due to the hospital downsizing. She maintained a strong work ethic and moved back South Carolina and was quickly gained employment at Richland Memorial Hospital, currently known as Prisma Health Richland Hospital, where she retired after 30 years.

She was a faithful member of The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where she served on the Jubilee Choir.

Merlee will be remembered as a kind, sweet, caring and nurturing woman with a contagious smile. Her son affectionately nicknamed her “Florence Nightingale”.

She was preceded in death by her parents: her first husband, Cleave Riley and her second husband, Earnest Reese; three sisters, Mickey, Ozetta S. Patterson and Lillie Mae Capers; brothers, Preston, Ralph, and William Sanders; a son-in-law, Clayton .

Merlee is survived by her two children : a son, Julius Sanders and Shambra Worthy; a grandson, Matthew Sanders and had guardianship of her nephew, Antonio Rivers. twelve sisters & brothers, Roberta Randell, Christina Sanders, Patricia Kelly, Lamont Anderson, Donald Sanders, Cheryl Sanders, Linda Sanders, Darrell Sanders, Robert Sanders, Lesa Sanders, Rickie Sanders and Richie Sanders, Sr.; two aunts, Mattie Turner, Liz Best; a brother in law, John Patterson, Sr.; her care provider and longtime friend, Jennifer Jarvis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Merlee was loved by all who came to know her and she will be sorely missed. As she takes her eternal rest, may the love of God enfold her. With love, your son, Julius.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I send my condolences to Mr. Julius B. Sanders and family. Praying that God will comfort you and the family at this time. It was a pleasure to know Ms. Merlee, who showed so much love and hospitality towards me. I am sure that she was loved by many who knew her and will be missed. To Julius and the family, I send my love and sorry I could not be there at this time. God bless you and family!



Carrie Majett and Family, Philadelphia, PA

Carrie Majett - May 22, 2019 at 01:48 PM

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“ Jeanette Frost Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merlee Reese



Jeanette Frost Wilson - May 22, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ Woodrena Washington-dogbevia lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merlee Reese



woodrena washington-dogbevia - May 19, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Merlee Reese.*



May 18, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Our last doctor's appointment together. The doctors were all so proud of her drastic improvement in just one week! Valentine's Day 2017!!*



Carla L Mitchell - May 18, 2019 at 03:53 PM



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