

A Celebration of Life



SUNRISE
Sunday, May 29, 1949

SUNSET
Sunday, March 20, 2022

Virginia Lucille Coney

"This is God's Word on the subject: "As soon as Babylon's seventy years are up and not a day before, I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (MSG)

Her Loving Journey

Virginia Lucille Willis Coney was born on Sunday, May 29, 1949, in Huntsville, Texas to Jessie Lee Willis and Lloyd Crawford. She attended E.O. Smith Junior High School in Houston and Jack Yates High School, where she lettered in Volleyball.

In November 1968 Virginia married Alvin Coney, in a small ceremony held in her family home. Their marriage was officiated by Reverend Leon Mackey of St. Anthony Missionary Baptist Church, who had baptized her; and her beloved first cousin, Dorothy Mae Bates acted as her maid of honor. This union was blessed with three daughters, Belinda Lucille, Natasha Patrice, and Tina Alecia.

Virginia would attend Alvin Community College to receive her Associates Degree in Nursing. While attending college, Virginia became an outspoken advocate for the fair and equitable treatment of all students. She wrote letters to the President of the college and the Head of the Nursing Program and participated in campus protests requesting fair treatment of the Black Students. Her efforts culminated in changes not only within the nursing program but throughout the entire campus.

While in nursing school, Virginia interned at many local hospitals; but, found her forever home during her internship at St. Joseph's Hospital. After graduating and completing state licensing requirements, she would spend the next 40 years as a Registered Nurse specializing in women's surgery, and labor and delivery. By the time she was ready to retire, she had served in various capacities as Charge Nurse for more than 20 years.

She was an active and supportive parent in the lives of her daughters and assisted with any activities they found themselves involved in. Whether it was choir competitions, cheerleading, supporting Phi Mu or something in between, she was onsite and involved. She even used her talent and love of sewing to make costumes for the girls as well as making clothes for herself and for her daughters. She was so talented, that she even once made dresses for an entire wedding party.

Virginia was a member of the Queens of the South Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #4, where she

served at various times as Treasurer and Secretary. Her group focused on helping to provide for less fortunate children during back to school and Christmas. As a committee chairman, Virginia used her remarkable talent of always finding a great bargain to help support fundraising efforts.

She was an active member of every church in which she held membership. In 1980 she changed her church membership from St. Anthony's to Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where she has served as a faithful member of the choir, women's mission board and church recording secretary. Her faith was very important to her, and she often shared with others. While some are the "hands and feet of Jesus," she was more of a chauffeur. Always available to provide a ride to and from church for those in need. Probably the reason she was one of the first people in Houston to own a minivan.

Virginia was an avid reader and she and her husband Alvin loved to travel. Favorite destinations were the Caribbean and Las Vegas, but their 2016 trip to Alaska and her trip to Hawaii were bucket list worthy adventures. Prior to the covid pandemic, Alvin and Virginia often took a Carnival Cruise at least once per year and would take monthly charters with overnight stays with friends and family.

By her own admission, Virginia lived a good life. She served God and tried to help everyone that she could. She made friends easily and had a servant heart.

She has been preceded in death by many, and is survived by her husband Alvin, her three daughters, son-in-law Stanley Eric Johnson, Junior, grandson, Stanley "EJ" Johnson, III, granddaughters Sydney Erica Johnson and Caitlin Lee Smith, sisters Brenda Arceneaux, Linda Jones, and Stephanie Spriggins. Brothers-in-law John Arceneaux, Bobby Coney, Theodore Coney, and Robert Spriggins, Sister-in-laws Catherine Coney, Nancy Coney and Briann Edmond, beloved cousin, confidant and best friend Betty Sue Thomas, nieces Tennille Arceneaux and Kourtney Spriggins; nephews Jeremy Arceneaux, John Wayne Arceneaux II, Terence Arceneaux, Gregory and wife Sharon Edmond, Jerome Edmond, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends

VIRGINIA LUCILLE WILLIS CONEY



Order of Service

Friday, the 25th day of March, 2022
Twelve O'clock Noon

Mt. Canaan Missionary Baptist Church
6001 Selinsky • Houston, Texas 77048
Pastor Johnny Simmons, Officiating

Musical Prelude.....(Soft Music)

The Processional.....Clergy and Family

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament.....Appointee

New Testament.....Appointee

Prayer of Comfort.....Appointee

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Remarks.....Ever Dodson

Expressions.....(Please limit to Two Minutes)

Musical Selection.....Musician

The Eulogy.....Pastor Johnny Simmons

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Expression of Love



To the love of my life, this is hard for me. You were my wife, my beautiful, loving wife. You were my life. You were just a girl when we first met. A girl I wanted more than anything. When you said "yes" I was the happiest person in the world. I was honored to be at your side. You meant everything to me. Over the years, you grew into such an incredible woman. We grew as a couple, and you put up with me. My problems, my issues, just me. I miss you more than words can say.

Love always, Al

"GONE FROM OUR PRESENCE BUT NEVER OUR HEARTS"





Expression of Love



"Until we meet again" We think about you always. We talk about you still. You have never been forgotten. And you never will. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain. To walk and guide us through our lives until we meet again."

Love Your Grandchildren

"GONE FROM OUR PRESENCE BUT NEVER OUR HEARTS"

Active Pallbearers

Jeremy Arceneaux
Terence Arceneaux
Jerome Edmond

John Wayne Arceneaux, II
Gregory Edmond
Stanley Eric Johnson, III

Honorary Pallbearers

John Arceneaux
Robert Spriggins
Stanley Eric Johnson, Jr.

Our Sincerest Appreciation...

The Coney Family wishes to extend our appreciation for the prayers, kindnesses, visits, cards, calls, texts, gifts, food, concerns and grace that have been bestowed upon us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we grieve the passing of Virginia, wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. We are truly and forever grateful. May the Lord our God bless you for your many expressions of love.

- The Family -

Interment **Private**

******In Lieu of A Repast******

The family has made a donation to the Houston Food Bank to honor Virginia's care and concern for those who are food insecure within our community.

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