



Zora M. Hughes

September 12, 1942 - November 7, 2021

Zora M. Hughes (nee Crace), 79 of Clayton, NJ slipped away to heaven on November 7, 2021. Zora was born in Ashland, KY to Benjamin Franklin Crace and Martha Jane (nee McGuire).

She is predeceased by her loving husband, William R. Hughes Sr., her son William R. Hughes Jr., brothers Paul and Julius and sisters Ruby, Jeannie and Martha.

Zora is survived by her daughters Teresa Blackniak (Gene) of Suffolk, VA and Robin Hughes-Mishra (Prince) of Clayton, NJ. Her grandchildren to who she adored, Layne (Adam) of Suffolk, VA, Kyle (Ashley) of Whidbey Island, WA and Bill Bill (Madeline) of Blackwood, NJ, and Travis; her great grandchildren, Marisa (Austin), Riley, Anthony, Danielle, Charlotte, Levi, Jacob, Lillian and Abigail. Sisters, Libby and Maryann and her brother James, and a host of extended family. Also survived by Brian Duffy who helped care for Zora during her illness.

Zora moved to NJ at the age of 18 from Baltimore, Md to marry the love of her life.

She was a nurses aide for most of her adult life, caring for the elderly at various nursing homes in the Gloucester county area. In her 50's she went back to college and obtained her Associates degree in medical coding and billing.

In her early years, Zora enjoyed ceramics and needlepoint crosstitch crafts and enjoyed making both as gifts to family and friends.

She was also notoriously famous for her cheesecakes and would make them for neighbors at Christmas.

Please join the family at a Celebration of her Life on Saturday November 13, 2021 from 4:30-7:30PM for a Memorial Service and refreshments at The Red Pine Inn 210 South Delsea Dr. Glassboro, NJ 08028.

Anyone is encouraged to prepare words or memories to share at this time.

Donations kindly asked in lieu of flowers to be given to the family to offset the cost of expenses.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **13**. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Red Pine Inn
210 S. Delsea Dr.
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *She helped raise me when my mom needed her. She watched me grow up. She was always such a bubbly person and knew the right thing to say and do. I love you and will miss you. I cherish all my memories with her. Sending love and long distance hugs to my cousins*

Dawn Presley - November 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM

RP

“ *Sincere condolences from the Parks family.*

Robert Parks - November 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM

MB

“ *Margie And Tony Barilaro lit a candle in memory of Zora M. Hughes*



margie and tony barilaro - November 09, 2021 at 09:17 PM

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“ *My beautiful and feisty aunt. So many many great memories. You were one of a kind. Whether you knew it or not, your were my sounding board and a steady rock when I came home from the war and your home was my retreat from the world, on the weekends. You allowed me that and gave so willing, and never judged me. Maybe you knew what I was dealing with or maybe you were just being the aunt I needed you to be at the time?. Either way, I loved you even more for just letting me be me and making me laugh my way through the hardest times of my life. I will always cherish and hold you close to my heart. I love you forever. Your niece, "Little Bit".* 💜

Elizabeth Turner - November 09, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *Rest easy Mrs. Hughes, I remember when you were a sub at the elementary school and worked for the SAIL Program. Many great memories. You will be missed.*

Brian Warriner - November 09, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ my heart is BEYOND heavy as i sit here and grieve one of the most influential people in my life. as i sit here and bawl my eyes out, i try to remember all of the amazing memories i had with her. she will always be my “MomMom with the little kitty”. i love and miss her so much i can’t even explain. i will always remember and cherish being at her house almost every single day with my cousin Travis and having the absolute best times of our lives. i will always remember her waking us up at midnight to go on her paper route with her as we stuffed the newspapers and threw them out the window of the car in the wee hours of the morning having an absolute ball and coming home as the sun was rising and us all snuggling with her in bed (she would even take us to wawa and let us have coffee with her), i will always remember how amazing her oatmeal tasted and how nobody could ever make it as good as she could, i remember playing in her pool and terrorizing her chickens while she hung her laundry out on the clothesline to dry, i will always remember how amazing and warm her hugs and kisses were, i will always remember playing with my kitty at her house and her little stuffed kitties she had around the house, i will always remember her driving us to school as she listened to talk radio every morning, i will remember and cherish every single little thing i can remember. i watched her entire fight with dementia and slowly watched her become someone i didn’t know. i cannot describe how whole it made me feel when i would come visit her and she would light up as soon as she saw her “Rissy”. she always remembered me. and i will always remember her. no matter how much you try and expect something like this to happen and prepare yourself, you can truly never ever know how you are going to handle it when it does happen. i truly have a perfect angel looking over me every single day now. it makes me smile knowing that she is no longer in pain or suffering anymore and i know she’s giving all the angels in heaven a run for their money. she was always so feisty in the best way and i have her to thank for being the strong woman that i am today and “not putting up with anybody’s shit”. i have her to thank for so many great things in my life that i will cherish forever and never ever forget. i love and miss you so much MomMom. i cant wait to have a piece of you to keep with me forever. i cant wait to see you again one day with PopPop & Uncle Billy. we will all be together again someday, and until then, i will keep you as close to my heart as i possibly can in every single way 🙏🏻💗💧

Marisa Blackniak - November 09, 2021 at 07:54 AM

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My beautiful and feisty aunt. So many many great memories. You were one of a kind. Whether you knew it or not, your were my sounding board and a steady rock when I came home from the war and your home was my retreat from the world, on the weekends. You allowed me that and gave so willing, and never judged me. Maybe you knew what I was dealing with or maybe you were just being the aunt I needed you to be at the time?. Either way, I loved you even more for just letting me be me and making me laugh my way through the hardest times of my life. I will always cherish and hold you close to my heart. I love you forever. Your niece, "Little Bit". 💜

Elizabeth Turner - November 09, 2021 at 11:59 AM