



Eleanor B. Kirby

June 8, 1924 - February 16, 2019

Eleanor Kirby was the third child of Gilbert Isiah Brookins, Sr. and Blanche Straughter Brookins, born June 8, 1924 in Winter Park, Florida.

Eleanor was educated in the Orange County School system graduating from Hannibal Elementary and Hungerford High.

Eleanor married Raymond Kirby January 18, 1949. She was a devoted mother of two daughters, Deborah Patricia and Renee' Michelle. Eleanor spent countless hours serving as Secretary of the PTA, home room mother, chaperon for school field trips, counselor, chef and chauffer for the neighborhood children.

Eleanor's passion was the Church and serving others. She was baptized at Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church as an infant and third-generation member. She served the church in many capacities including: pianist at the age of 14 for choir #2 and Sunday School, Director of the Junior Choir, member of Cora Jackson Missionary Society.

Eleanor was an avid reader and world traveler. She loved cooking gourmet meals and hosting family and friends. No one was a stranger.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, parents, Gilbert and Blanche Brookins, daughter, Renee' Michelle, sister, Janet B. Piner, brother, Gilbert Brookins, Jr. sister-in-law, Dorothy Brookins.

On February 16, 2019, she went home to the Garden Alone.

Her life is celebrated by: daughter, Deborah, brother, Wallace Brookins, Nephew, Ronald Brookins (Doris), niece, Donna Brookins Jones (Charles),

first cousins, Rose Bynum, Barbara Straughter Young, great nieces, Shiron Brookins, Rashawnn Brookins, Kia Jones, Illana Jones; extended family, John and Blanche Bolden, Marcus Bolden (Jessica), Brian Bolden (Sharell), Mrs. Mabel Hall and a number of cousins, friends and acquaintance

Cemetery Details

Pineywood Cemetery

1810 S. Lakemont Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32803

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
160 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor B. Kirby*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanor B. Kirby.*



February 21, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanor B. Kirby.*



February 20, 2019 at 06:26 PM

KJ

“ Aunt Eleanor,

Thank you for the charm school etiquette tips during the weekends, Lanna and I would spend with you. Thank you for always being there, smiling, laughing, and for your honesty. I will miss hearing your voice and seeing you especially during the holidays. Heaven gained another beautiful angel. Please continue to watch over us, during this journey called LIFE!!!!

*Love Always,
Kia Brookins-Jones*

Kia Jones - February 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM

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“ Aunt Eleanor,

You made certain that we knew how to look and act like ladies, always. You emphasized to us that when others go low, we should rise above. You always reminded us that we knew better, so we should do better!

..... Charles, I'm surprised at you! (a Sunday AM in Hannibal Square, circa 1995). smile. You always kept it real with us.

We love you the most,

Charles and Donna Jones

Donna Brookins - February 20, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor B. Kirby.*



February 20, 2019 at 02:33 AM