



Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix

December 19, 1934 - May 3, 2019

Mercina Rimes Nix, affectionately known as "Baye" and "Mommy Dearest", was born on December 19, 1934 to James and Lillie Mae Rimes and raised in Leesburg, Florida.

Mercina attended the Lake County Training School where she was known for her commitment to high academia, and graduated with honors. She and her sister Mozella Allen served as members of the girls basketball team. Mercina often reminisced about these times and spoke proudly of her sister's high accolades as a star scholar- athlete. In fact, Mercina cherished and loved all of her siblings.

When her mother passed away at an early age, Mercina adored her father, affectionately known as Papa, who raised her and her sisters and brothers as a single parent.

Mercina went on to attend Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida where she pursued a degree in elementary education. She later attended cosmetology school in St. Petersburg, Florida and graduated with a professional cosmetology certificate.

Mercina was joined in holy matrimony on August 17, 1969, to Joseph Nix, and journeyed to the Mt. Dora community, where they became vibrant members of

Bethel Independent Free Methodist Church.

For decades, she was recognized as a pioneer and pillar within the Mt. Dora community. She was a licensed master cosmetologist and entrepreneur of her own proprietorship, Mercina's Beauty Salon. Over the years, she and her devoted husband Joe, pursued several other successful business ventures. Mercina established a blueprint that was later duplicated, by her loving daughter and caretaker, LaShaune R. Manning. Mercina served in the Lake County School System as a teacher's assistant and long-term substitute teacher at Mt. Dora Middle School. She was once her son's 6th grade substitute Civics teacher for a semester due to a maternity leave.

Mercina always exuded a profound love and magnetism for kids. She provided child care for a number of infants and toddlers who still fondly embrace special memories. For many years, Mercina and Joseph were foster parents to Erica and Desi, who still live in the surrounding community.

Mercina Nix received her heavenly wings with great peace on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11:30 p.m.

Mercina's departure, is a deep loss to her family and friends. She leaves a void but will live eternally in the hearts and spirits of all who loved her. Glory be to God!

Mercina was preceded in death by her husband: Joseph Nix, brothers: Vasco Rimes, Wilbur Rimes, Coram Rimes and Randolph Rimes; sister: Erma Charp.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted and loving daughters: Sharon Dianne Moton (O.C) of San Antonio, Texas, LaShaune R. Manning of Mt. Dora, Florida; son: Derrick C. Manning (Kimberly) of Atlanta, Georgia, brother:

James Rimes of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; sisters: Mozella Rimes Allen of Leesburg, Florida, Geraldine Youmans of Atlanta, Georgia and Hazel Rimes of Leesburg, Florida; grandchildren: Christopher Moton of Frisco, Texas, Jamaal Schofield of Mt. Dora, Florida, Jharri Manning of Pompano Beach, Florida, Jhamarri Manning of Atlanta, Georgia and Kimberly and Kirsten Webb, both of New York City, New York; brothers in law, sisters in law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Independent Free Methodist Church
303 East Jackson Avenue
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning. Rest well and we will see you in the morning. God Bless, The other Jackson Ave. Nix's - Charles (Rodney), Mario, Felicia and Patrick.*



Felicia Nix - May 15, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *Myla Woods lit a candle in memory of Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix*



Myla Woods - May 12, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *I will certainly miss you. May God bless and sustain the family at this time. What a wonderful God we serve.*

Louemma

Louemma Cromity - May 10, 2019 at 02:28 PM

LC

“ *Louemma Cromity lit a candle in memory of Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix*



Louemma Cromity - May 10, 2019 at 02:26 PM

TP

“ *I will surely miss my old friend. Rest in Peace. To the family be strong and let God continue to lead and comfort you.*



*Love,
The Poole Family*

Theresa Poole - May 10, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix.*



May 09, 2019 at 04:10 AM

DG

“ *With Deepest Sympathy. May God's, Mercy, and Blessings be with the Nix family today and always. With love the Lynum and Gilchrist Family*



Dena Lynum Gilchrist - May 08, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family , May the Lord comfort you at this time!*

Janice Barrett - May 07, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *Janice Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mercina "Baye" Rimes Nix*



Janice Barrett - May 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM