



Frances Rawls

March 9, 1953 - February 10, 2021

Frances Elizabeth Rawls was born on March 9th, 1953 to the late Calvin F. Tate and Pauline Tate. Her big personality was born in Pittsburgh, PA. Her big sister & only sibling, Doleta Brown, affectionately nicknamed her “Sissy” and the name stuck. Sissy was the perfect nickname for the sassy little girl that grew up to be the DIVA we all knew and loved!

The family relocated to New Jersey where Frances was educated in the public-school system. She loved singing and when it was time to choose a high school, she auditioned for the School of the Arts, (Arts High School) where she was accepted into their musical program. While she was in high school, Sissy met who would be her husband. They married when she was just 18 and Frances forged a life for herself & her family. As a young military family, there was always a possibility of relocation. Frances worked hard to make sure that no matter they lived, it always felt like home.

The marital union ultimately produced four children, Shannon, Milton II, Shalonda and Tia. She was known as fierce fighter for her children. Everyone knew this... ESPECIALLY her children! They could often be heard exclaiming to anyone that dared challenge them... “CALL MY MAMA!” Nobody worked or played harder than Sissy! Wherever she worked, she was promoted. She spent most of her career with NJ transit where she held several key positions. She transitioned from that field into culinary services where she worked with

nursing homes planning and creating meals for the residents. Even though she worked hard, she loved having a good time! Sissy was known as the life of any party! She loved to sing, dance and have a good time. Even in church, where she served as the Mother of The Greater Purpose Life Center. She loved having a holy ghost good time! She also took those good times on the ocean, when she caught the travel bug and became a cruiser! Her and a group of friends would often go on trips just living and loving life! Sissy lived, laughed and loved hard! When she was for you... she was for you!

On February 9, 2021 the Lord saw fit to call her by her name and release her from labor to reward! She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Shannon DeWitt and her husband Carlas (Wink), Milton Rawls II and his wife Janet, Shalonda Maldonado and her husband Carlos and the baby of the group, Tia Rawls. Her eleven grandchildren, Tristen, Katherine, Taylor, Eli, Andrew, Shayne, Aaren, Avery, Addison, Alex and Milton III. Her five great grandchildren, Azariah, Ethan, Evan, Amir and Christian. One sister, Doleta Brown and her children Desiree, Rashann and Tekea.

Frances (Sissy) had a host of friends and family who loved her dearly. Your name may not be written here but best believe it was etched in her heart and now rests with her.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Creek Church
1451 Briar Creek Road
Charlotte , NC 28205

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nikki lit a candle in memory of Frances Rawls*



Nikki - February 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *I talked and laughed with Frances many times at the Pavilion while visiting my grandmother. She was a great lady and I'm sorry for your loss.*

Jimmy Alexander

Jimmy Alexander - February 20, 2021 at 09:40 AM

BS

“ *To You, Sissy's Darlings:*

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May God's Love rest in your hearts today and always.

Thankful for precious memories.

Much Love and Concern:

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr. & Lady Amanda



Bushop Hikton Rawls, Sr. - February 20, 2021 at 08:41 AM

YF

“ *Your sister, Shawntrell Gilbert and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Frances Rawls.*



Your sister, Shawntrell Gilbert and family - February 20, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 20, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 19, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 19, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 19, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 19, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Maggie Shrader & Taylor Cosgrove purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frances Rawls.*



Maggie Shrader & Taylor Cosgrove - February 19, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 18, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 18, 2021 at 04:18 PM

GJ

“ Frances was full of life and she had a big heart. I really enjoyed the times that we spent together and also when she and I talked on the telephone. She will truly be missed. Family, we hope your memories will help to soften the difficult days and bring you more smiles.

Gail & Lacy Johnson

Gail Johnson - February 18, 2021 at 03:08 PM

LH

“ Met Frances at work years ago! We've always kept in touch. Shared laughs great conversations, advice...and of course a few cocktails. Very sweet person inside & out. Much love always!💕💕



Lashonda Herring - February 18, 2021 at 01:03 PM

VI

“ Am going to miss my big Sissy 😭

Vicki - February 18, 2021 at 03:06 AM

VI

“ Vicki lit a candle in memory of Frances Rawls



Vicki - February 18, 2021 at 02:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.*



February 18, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace my dear friend of 50 years. Walk through those Pearly Gates with our Heavenly Father welcoming you with open arms. Forever in my heart. Love, Peace, and comfort to the family. Love Trudy*

Trudy Jordan - February 17, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *I use to work with Mrs. Frances. She was a wonderful cook and a very sweet lady. She will be missed*

Kiki Simmons - February 17, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Shannon Dewitt lit a candle in memory of Frances Rawls*



Shannon Dewitt - February 17, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Frances Rawls.* ”



February 15, 2021 at 06:11 PM