



Mary Arlene Sutherland

May 31, 2017

Mary Arlene Sutherland, passed away at the age of 86 on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio at 4:30 p.m.

Mary was born on February 16, 1931 to the union of Sylvester and Gaynell Stewart. She graduated from Waite High School ahead of her class and with honors. After graduation she taught Remedial reading at Westfield Elementary School. She went on to become the first African American telephone operator and supervisor with Ohio Bell Phone Company, a job she loved and left to become a homemaker and mother.

Mary and Mullen Ezell Sutherland married in November, 1953 – December, 1973; to this union brought Cheryl Byrd, Valerie Gulley, Cathy Sutherland, Mullen Jeffery (deceased), Philip Jonathan and Claude Ezell Sutherland; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren. She is survived by sisters, Betty J. Harris, Marcella Ashby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Mullen Jeffery Sutherland; sisters, Eloise Butler and Eleanor Brock; brothers, John Burrell, Sylvester, Matthew, Walter and Melvin Stewart.

She loved to sew, crochet, knit and was an avid reader. She loved to sing and enjoyed being a homemaker. She will be missed by many and her spirit lives

on through her family.

Wake services will be Saturday 11:00 a.m. followed by funeral services 11:30 a.m. at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, Elder Lionel Brock officiant. Interment private.

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“ *Sorry to hear of Mary's death. Our sympathy to her entire family.
Love, Cousin Dorothy Randall and family.*

Dorothy Futrell Randall - June 10, 2017 at 06:19 AM