



Violet Scruggs Laney

September 21, 1932 - April 11, 2020

Violet Scruggs Laney passed away peacefully on April 11, 2020, at Parkcliffe Memory Care with her family by her side. She was born on September 21, 1932 in Holden, West Virginia to Charlie and Rubie Bledsoe Scruggs. She was the only girl with four brothers.

She graduated Valedictorian from Aracoma High School, Logan, WV, class of 1950. She furthered her education at West Virginia State College where she obtained her B.S. Degree in Business Administration and where she crossed over to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter. After graduation, Violet relocated to Toledo, Ohio, where she began her working career with the Internal Revenue Service. While at the IRS, still driven by her inner calling to teach, she obtained her Elementary Education Accreditation, Masters in Counseling and Guidance, and Post Masters Counseling Training, all from the University of Toledo.

Her first teaching assignment was at Stewart Elementary School in Toledo, where she was fondly known as "Mrs. Jones". A consummate educator, she caught the attention of the Toledo School Superintendent who transferred her to Elmhurst Elementary School under the leadership of Principal Dr. Derrick Roberts. She retired from formal teaching in 2001. Though retired, Violet continued tutoring children whose parents either wanted them to get a fast-track start or to ensure they can catch up.

Violet was a 60+ member of Third Baptist Church where she was active in the YW Junior and Feed Your Neighbor Clubs and Women's Counsel. She was also active in WV State University Alumni Association, WV State University President's Circle, Toledo Federation of Teachers, Schoolwomen's Bowling League, Inducted into the Higginbotham Chair for Academic Supremacy, and Suicide Prevention Association.

In addition to her love of teaching, she truly enjoyed traveling and widely traveled in the United States, Africa, South Pacific, and Caribbean Islands.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Laney, parents, brothers Charles Jr., Herman, and Larry. Surviving is her brother, James Scruggs, Sr., Toledo nieces and nephews Sylvia Scruggs, Olivia Hughes, Juliet (Brentford) Brooks, James Scruggs Jr., Dominique Scruggs, Harold Hughes, Jr., Akil and Jamal Brooks, and Damon (Teresa) Jackson of SC. Special Care Giver Yvonne Price. She also leaves many more nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Viewing will be held at Third Baptist Church, 402 Pinewood Avenue, on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00-11:00 with funeral services immediately following at 11:00. Reverend Bill Harris, Officiant. Interment will be private at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ *Larry Jr., Zachary, Lolita, Rodeana, Zarak Scruggs purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Violet Scruggs Laney.*



Larry Jr., Zachary, Lolita, Rodeana, Zarak Scruggs - April 16, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Vi has been a great chronicler of the Scruggs history. We will miss her and her contributions to the family's history. Our love and sympathy to the immediate family. May God be with all.*

Dora Scruggs Washington

Dora Scruggs Washington - April 15, 2020 at 10:18 PM

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“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord*
Gwendolyn E. March Jones & Family

Gwendolyn E. March Jones - April 15, 2020 at 05:07 PM