



Vera Ann Hanson Prosper

June 22, 2020

Vera Ann Hanson-Prosper departed this life on Monday, June 22, 2020 at the age of 70. A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, she was born on March 25, 1950 to the union of the late Louis Hanson, Sr. and Maria W. Perkins-Hanson. The oldest of three siblings, Vera was educated in the Orleans Parish school system. She attended Joseph A. Craig Elementary school, McDonough 41 Junior High School, and she was a graduate of the first integrated class of Warren Easton High School in 1971. Vera was known to be a perfectionist and carried herself as a professional everywhere she went throughout her life, characteristics that served her well in the medical field that she thoroughly enjoyed working in. Her start came working for the private practices of Dr. Melville Sternberg, whom she affectionately called her Jewish father, working her way up to become his administrative assistant. She then moved on to work at Hotel Dieu Hospital in the ER, earning the nickname “the warden” before working in the medical records department finally ending her employment there in Nursing Services. She started her tenure at Tulane Medical Center as a secretary in the Oncology department, with her last position being the Executive Assistant to Dr. Thomas Whitecloud III, chairman of the Orthopedics dept. where she finally retired in 2000. She enjoyed her years there, assisting her patients and doctors in every capacity, having earned several awards for such services, including the very first “Humanitarian Award” as well as the “Caregiver Award”, voted by patients and staff alike. On June 21, 1986 she was joined in matrimony with Donald

Prosper, Sr. also becoming a new mother to his two children, DJ and Teneille. Vera was very devoted to her Christian walk, never being without a church family throughout her life. She held several duties from serving on the Senior Usher Board to choir member and church secretary. She came from a spiritual home and accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age at the Hartzelle United Methodist Church under Rev. Blunt. She was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church by the late Rev. J. R. Anderson and then served under Rev. Richard Keller. She then moved to El Paso, Texas with her new family, becoming a member of the Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Milton Walker. While there, she gain two godchildren, Ria and Wayne Demby as well as adopted a new family in Rev. and Betty Green, before moving back to New Orleans. Finally becoming a member of her husband's home church Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C. L. Franklin, who was not only her pastor, but mentor and dear friend. Vera hopes to be known for several things. Her favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalms. Her favorite hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "Lord Help Me To Hold Out". She loved her church hats. She's beloved for her gumbo. She's known for her temperament. She loved action movies. She was the go-to person in the event you needed help with funeral arrangements. She loved making new acquaintances and friendships with absolutely everybody, having friends of all walks of life in every corner of the city. She maintained family ties with close and distant relatives through phone calls and visits. She didn't have extra money to send, but what she did have she gave, whether it was to open her home to you, cook you a meal, or send something through the mail. It was difficult at times for her to make deep connections with family, but she truly wanted to help wherever she could. But she wants to be remembered most of all as a child of the King. It was because of God's love, grace, and mercy that her faith remain unwavering, for He continue to show her favor by breathing life into her for many years- several times pulling her from the grips of death until He was ready for her to return home. Vera exemplifies the phrase, "It's not how you start, but how you finish". By all

accounts she could've lived a very uneventful life, but God saw fit to bless her with a family who loved her dearly. Vera is preceded in death by her mother Maria W. Perkins-Hanson and her father Louis Hanson, Sr. She is survived by her husband of 34 years Donald Prosper, Sr. Two children: Donald Prosper, Jr. (DJ) and Teneille Prosper. Ten grandchildren: Demazio Samuels, Keyana Prosper, Raymond Jennings, Lauryn Marshall, Donald Prosper III, Kamario Prosper, Elijah Levy, Kayla Griffin, Kourtney Griffin, Kaitlyn Griffin. One great-grand daughter Kenzlie Majors. Three siblings: Barbara Hanson-Pinkston, Louis Hanson, Jr. and Mary J. Harris. Two nieces: Rakeysha Pinkston and Ivyonne Harris. She is also survived by her best friend Martha Curtis and a host of other relatives and friends.

Due to COVID restrictions, please follow social distancing guidelines and a mask is required and service is at its capacity and already reserved for family. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 8817 Hickory Street, New Orleans, LA 70118 at 11:00am. Visitation will begin at 10:00am. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
8817 Hickory St.
New Orleans, LA 70118

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Donald, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. I considered Vera as a dear friend and all the good times we had in El Paso. She was a wonderful cook and an amazing woman of God. Know that Kenny and I will definitely miss our stopovers as we traveled back and forth from Georgia to Texas. May we all take comfort in knowing that she is not suffering anymore and is now at rest eternally in the arms of our Lord. So to my dear friend and sister, Vera, sleep well in love, heavenly peace and happiness. You will be missed.

Charlotte and Kenny Campfield - June 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

ME

“ My Auntie Vera.....I met her when I was very young about 7 or 8 years old. She was hard as nails with the truth and discipline, but soft and loving as protective cloud hugging around you. She taught me to be wise at times, be a lady always, and lean and turn to God with all things. She was a fountain of everything with style, grace and wisdom. I don't know whether she knows this or not but she showed me how NOT to put up with FOOLISHNESS!!!! And guess what....I'm not. I love you Auntie Vera and Thank You for being apart of my life.

Myiesha Evans - June 25, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ Dabne and Jackson Whitemore & Dana Whitemore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vera Ann Hanson Prosper.



Dabne and Jackson Whitemore & Dana Whitemore - June 24, 2020 at 09:51 PM