



Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles

January 4, 1956 - December 23, 2016

Mrs. Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles, age 60, went home to be with her Lord when she passed away on Friday, December 23, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family at her side.

Born in Vienna, Georgia on January 4, 1956, Mary Frances was the daughter of the late Walter James and Ethel (Lester) Coney. She also knew the parental love of her step-father Lemon Pearson. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1975. On August 27, 1988 Cookie married her high school sweetheart, Peter Doles, and shared with him a union blessed with two beautiful daughters and their families.

Cookie started her working career in healthcare as a Certified Nurse's Aide, a position for which she was well-suited because she was a benevolent soul blessed with a caring nature for others. She was employed at Broadacres Nursing Facility, the Masonic Care Community of NY, and various area facilities. She also held a position as a New York State Toll Collector for a time. But her most cherished calling was working alongside her sister at Flatcher's Hair Designs.

Cookie had the gift of grace and was able to make anyone she met feel special and welcomed. To know her was to love her. She also had a great sense of humor and at times would laugh till her tears ran a river and torrents of laughter filled the room. Miss Cookie brought warmth and light wherever she went. She lived life as if every day was her birthday! As her nickname hinted, she was an accomplished baker, known for her specialty cakes, most

notably her caramel cake and pineapple upside-down cake...made from scratch!

Cookie was a member of the Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ. She drew strength from her faith and was a fighter for all that was humble and holy. Her greatest gift was the life that God granted her... along with his tender mercies that allowed her to triumph over the trials and tribulations she met during her journey.

Mary Frances is survived by her best friend, Peter Doles; her daughters, Sabrina N. Doles, and Rashida J. Doles and Mark Peak, all of Utica; and her grandchildren, Ajanae Doles, Ariel Johnson; Kweli Howard, Taniya Howard, and Zaafera Peak. She will also be remembered by her sisters and brother-in-law, Fletcher and Larry Beavers of Utica, and Dorothy Spivey; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Willie J. and Jean Coney of Georgia, Joseph Coney, and J.W. Asbell and Josephine, all of Buffalo; and a host of nieces, and nephews, with special mention of Curtiss and Randall Beavers; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. She was predeceased by her brother, Alfonso Coney; her sister, Pearl Miller; and her brother-in-law, Herman Spivey.

The family is grateful to the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Room staff for all their efforts.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 30 from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ, 1309 Howard Avenue. Mary Frances' funeral service and Home Going Celebration will commence on Friday at 12:00 noon at the church upon the conclusion of visitation with Elder Richard Lockridge officiating the ceremony. Committal prayers and Interment will follow graveside in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Holy Temple Church of Jesus Christ
1309 Howard Avenue
NY, Utica 13501
(315) 732-8801

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathies to the family. Cookie will forever remain in our hearts. We will miss that sweet spirit and beautiful smile. Our prayers are with you the family during these difficult days ahead. Hold on to all the special memories.

Love Cleon A. & Patricia A. Frazier

Cleon A. & Patricia A. Frazier - January 01, 2017 at 07:46 PM

RM

“ Rochelle Moore-Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles



Rochelle Moore-Nichols - December 30, 2016 at 07:35 AM

RP

“ Cookie was such a beautiful person in and out...who I was blessed to call cousin..she will be missed, god bless your family at this difficult time. Rose Pearson-Simmons & family.

Rose Pearson-Simmons - December 29, 2016 at 07:47 AM

RF

“ Rose Pearson-Simmons & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles



Rose Pearson-Simmons & family - December 29, 2016 at 07:44 AM

JH

“ thoughts and prayers are with the family I know Sabrina she a sweet lady

jean helmer - December 28, 2016 at 05:41 PM

PS

“ In deepest sympathy to all the family in the loss of your loved one... My thoughts and prayers are with all of you... I'm so very sorry.. May God bless all of you through the days ahead and help you find peace in knowing she is another angel ...An a special prayer 2 my sis DARLENE COSBY in the loss of her dear sister in law...



Pat Shires - December 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DW

“ You will truly be missed by many a real friend is hard to find, but you've been genuine from the start. Friend thank you for letting me in your life trusting me to be a godmother to your most prized possessions Sabrina and Radhika they were shaped and molded into the b u t ful Young ladies you new they would be. They are your leaves because you ARE Their Roots to that tree Rest on see you my sister in Christ in the morning on the other side💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔



Dolores Workman - December 24, 2016 at 10:21 PM

MS

“ My condolences gone out to the family stay strong in the Lord and remember he to wild to make a mistake. COOKIES WORK ON THIS SIDE IS OVER a job well done. RIP

Mae Lizzie Lester Starling - December 24, 2016 at 09:52 PM

MP

“ *Cousin cookie you will be greatly missed. Sleep easy my dear loved one!*

Miya phillips - December 24, 2016 at 09:06 PM

DE

Cookie I remember when your family first arrived in Utica. We became family instantly. I still remember your laugh. You are no longer here on earth but you will always be in our heart. My heart goes out to your family. Wish I could be there to say goodbye to my friend for over 50 years. You will me missed.

Dee Dee Maddox Etheridge and Family

Dee Dee Maddox Etheridge - December 24, 2016 at 10:16 PM

BB

“ *My condolecenses to the family of Cookie Coney...we were childhood friends. Such a beautiful woman. I truly loved Cookie as my own family. Rashida helped to take care of my Mother in her later years. Cookie, you raised good kids....your job on earth is done. GOD has called you Home. I love you & GOD bless & comfort your family. You shall NEVER be forgotten. God Bless*



Billie D. Bell - December 24, 2016 at 08:32 PM

MA

“ *Margie/Mark lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles*



Margie/Mark - December 24, 2016 at 08:22 PM

FR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Will miss that beautiful smile.

frances - December 24, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SR

“ Salimah A Rahman lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles



Salimah A Rahman - December 24, 2016 at 06:02 PM

DB

“ Darlene Branch lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles



darlene branch - December 24, 2016 at 05:57 PM

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darlene branch - December 24, 2016 at 05:57 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy,for loss of our dear heart ,to our family we love you all,I'm thankful for the time I had to share with her.god has us family.stay strong.the branch and Cosby family.

darlene branch - December 24, 2016 at 05:56 PM

SG

“ Susan Greene lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances "Cookie" (Coney) Doles



Susan Greene - December 24, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ My deepest sympathy..omg..I'm in tears..this is hard..we grew up together.She always had laughter in her heart..Fletcher..remain strong..To Peter and the girls..Trust God..I Love you All...Susie Jones

Grace Decastri - December 24, 2016 at 04:52 PM

SB

Sending prayers to the family.

Susan Bynum - December 24, 2016 at 05:37 PM

VS

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE LOSS OF MY SISTER, MY FRIEND COOKIE...MY HEART IS TRULY BROKEN. YOU HAD THE BIGGEST HEART AND A BIGGER SMILE TO GO WITH IT :).....GONE BUT "NEVER" FORGOTTEN. BE STRONG FAMILY UNTIL WE SEE HER AGAIN....WITH MUCH LOVE, VICKIE (SLADE) DRAYTON & FAMILY

VICTORIA SLADE - December 29, 2016 at 07:51 AM