



Etta Mae (Roy) Dorsey

April 3, 1949 - September 24, 2017

Etta Mae Dorsey was born, April 3, 1949. She was the oldest daughter of the late James and Drusilla Roy. She grew up and was educated in the Alexandria, Virginia public school system. While she attended high school, Etta participated in the Distributive Education Club of America program which allowed her to work while in school. At the age of 15, Etta started working at Cameron Station. It was there that she met and formed relationships with many colleagues and friends, including "The Cameron Station Girls", a set of dear friends that Etta was quite fond of and with whom she would span well over forty years of friendship. Throughout her elementary, middle, and high school years, Etta's friends referred to her as quiet, intelligent, creative, caring, kind and compassionate with a capital "C". One thing many knew about her, was her fondness of chocolate and bread. She once told a friend that she would never dine at an establishment that didn't serve bread. In 2004, Etta retired from the Federal Government where she worked as the Defense Standardization Program Analyst at the Defense Logistics Agency. In 1977, Etta met the love of her life, the late Michael Sr., who she often referred to as "El Grumpo" because of his authentic grumpy nature. They met while she was working part time as a drive thru bank teller at United Virginia Bank in Alexandria. Michael Sr. would go to the bank weekly to deposit his check in his account until one day he got up the nerve to ask Etta out on a date. They went out for ice cream and Michael Sr. would jokingly retell the story that, "she must have liked me for my personality because she could see

I had no money in my account?. Etta and Michael Sr. were inseparable. They were married for thirty-seven years and raised their son Michael Jr. with all the love that two parents could give. Instilling in him strong family values and support, they prepared their son for the difficult challenges that he would face in life but also encouraged him to embrace the good times with joy and laughter. Etta was a devoted and loyal wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, neighbor, and friend. She was the consummate professional and even though she did not know it, her compassionate side led her to be a wonderful and tireless caregiver after she retired. She helped to care for her mother and siblings; Eldon Williams-Hamilton, James Roy, and Margo (Roy) Jones who predeceased her when each of their health began to fail. Despite her own health challenges, she participated in her husband Michael, Sr.'s health care, as well as the health care of a former colleague, Thelma Bell, who relied heavily on Etta for friendship and assistance. She and Michael, Sr., jointly looked after an elderly neighbor, Rita Donovan, who also heavily relied on them for friendship and assistance. Etta loved her New Hope Church Family and her pastor, Reverend Dr. Carl Tilghman, and his wife, Deacon Joan, who were more like a brother and sister to her and who she loved and confided in. She was quick to offer assistance to anyone who was in need, and she never forgot a birthday, always calling or sending a card to spread cheer on someone's special day. Etta was a beautiful, spiritual, loving, personable and virtuous woman. She displayed honesty and understanding to all she shared her wisdom with. She was always calming and reassuring and had the patience of JOB. However, Etta also had a stern but firm way of keeping it real and was very tactful in her dispute resolution skills. When she admonished someone, they wanted to comply with what she said, merely because they respected and loved her and knew that she was only trying to correct them because she had their best interest at heart. Etta was a God fearing woman who loved the Lord and often rooted his mercy and grace in her son Michael Jr. She would often tell him not to worry, speak up, and if you want something go for it. When Michael Jr. met his wife Star, Etta was so

happy that they had found each other. She had developed a special bond with her daughter-in-law that was cherished and appreciated. Etta would often tell Michael Jr. and Star to always love each other and laugh together often and after every conversation she would always tell them, "I love you more?".

Survived by loving son, Michael Jr. (Star); brothers; Brett Roy (Cynthia), Robert Roy Sr.; Sister; Myrna Whitehead and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends. Charitable donations may be made to: Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation 1001 E. 101st Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City MO 64131 Tel: 1-800-753-2873 Email: pkdcure@pkdcure.org Web: <https://pkdcure.org>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *etta mae, what a journey! you are the best. what memories you have left for me to cherish. and, you and big mike's legacy to mike-mike, and y'all dorseys is unimpeachable for your demonstrated dedication to a principled life of family and work and LOVE. i love you. my tuggy wuggys love you. and, as i told you the last time, see you later alligator!!*

robert k roy sr - January 23 at 02:47 PM

VD

“ *A candle was lit by Vicki Dorsey*

on September 28, 2017 2:10 PM

Vicki Dorsey - January 23 at 02:47 PM

ES

“ *Mike Mike your mom was a wonderful lady and a good mom. She was kind and humble and good moms hold a special place in your heart forever. I want you to also know that I am here for you.*

Respectfully Submitted With A Loving Heart

Edith Bryant Shorts - January 23 at 02:47 PM

TB

“ *I had the previlage of working with Eda for many years at DLA. She was a wonderful lady that was very kind and with whom I had many laughs. I'm sure she will be missed by all that knew her, and I'm also sure she is now in a better place*

Tony Berta - January 23 at 02:47 PM

DH

“ Mike and Star. We are heartbroken for you both. Know that we are holding you close.

Diane and Hal - January 23 at 02:47 PM

DH

“ A candle was lit by Diane and Hal

on October 1, 2017 9:03 PM

Diane and Hal - January 23 at 02:47 PM

PG

“ Etta Mae my heart gets oh so heavy when I think of losing you. But I have to stop and be mindful that God sent me one of the most beautiful and treasured gifts any person could have had in a lifetime...your friendship.

Love you and will always hold you close in my heart .

Pat

Pat (One of the Golden Girls) - January 23 at 02:47 PM

PP

“ A candle was lit by Paula Lyles Price

on October 2, 2017 10:18 AM

Paula Lyles Price - January 23 at 02:47 PM

PP

“ My condolences to the Dorey and Roy family. I am going to miss my friend, my sister. May God continually bless and keep you all.

Paula Lyles Price - January 23 at 02:47 PM

JW

“ My mother used to always speak so highly of you, you were a large part of her life and even mine. I won't ever forget when I went to my college orientation at VCU, you were there even when not physically 100%... I am glad Etta Mae is no longer suffering. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss; my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. -- Jeff Williams (Pat's son)

Jeffrey Williams - January 23 at 02:47 PM

JW

“ A candle was lit by Jeffrey Williams

on October 2, 2017 4:23 PM

Jeffrey Williams - January 23 at 02:47 PM

LI

“ Mike-Mike and Star, while there is no way we can feel your pain, we do feel your loss as we have known Etta Mae for many years, a true, kind and inspiring friend. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories forever hold in your heart. We are here for you. Will miss our dear friend. With sincere sympathy.

Loretta (Another Golden Girl) & Irving - January 23 at 02:47 PM

JM

“ A candle was lit by Jeanne Masters

on October 2, 2017 9:44 PM

Jeanne Masters - January 23 at 02:47 PM

SM

“ Our Condolences and sympathy are extended to the family of Etta Mae Dorsey. We can only pray God's comfort and peace to surround you. Michael Jr and family; you will be lifted in prayer. God's Grace and and Mercy,
Ray and Sharon Morton

Sharon Morton - January 23 at 02:47 PM

SM

“ A candle was lit by Sharon Morton
on October 2, 2017 10:33 PM

Sharon Morton - January 23 at 02:47 PM

BK

“ A candle was lit by Barbara Kenlaw
on October 3, 2017 8:27 PM

Barbara Kenlaw - January 23 at 02:47 PM

DS

“ A candle was lit by Debra Schultz
on October 5, 2017 2:33 PM

Debra Schultz - January 23 at 02:47 PM

MA

“ My deepest condolences to the family and every one who loved Etta Mae. I didn't know her but was sorry to hear of her passing. From that beautiful tribute she must have been a wonderful person, and I look forward to meeting her in the resurrection (Acts 24:15). God has promised "that all those in the memorial tomb will hear his voice and come out". (John 5:28-29) And will have the hope of living forever here on earth - "The righteous will possess the earth, and they will live forever on it." (Psalms 37:29) So for now just think of Etta Mae as sleeping peacefully waiting for Jesus to wake her up. If you like to learn more about the resurrection hope, please feel free to contact me. And may God bless you all.

Mary Ann - January 23 at 02:47 PM

VD

“ A candle was lit by Vicki Dorsey

on November 15, 2017 12:04 AM

Vicki Dorsey - January 23 at 02:47 PM

VD

“ A candle was lit by Vicki Dorsey

on April 3, 2018 6:11 AM

Vicki Dorsey - January 23 at 02:47 PM

VD

“ Happy birthday 🎂

Vicki Dorsey - January 23 at 02:47 PM

VI

“ *A candle was lit by Vicki*

on September 23, 2019 10:22 PM

Vicki - January 23 at 02:47 PM