



Marjorie Joyce Mims

September 14, 1926 - November 2, 2017

Marjorie Joyce Mims was the oldest of three children born to Raleigh and Pearl Jackson Joyce, on September 14, 1926 in Melrose Park, Illinois. Marjorie was happily married to the love of her life, Thomas Samuel "TS" Mims for 46 years and to this loving union two sons were born, John Wesley and Raleigh Thomas.

Marjorie attended Lincoln University, in Jefferson City, Missouri and later transferred to the University of Illinois where she earned an undergraduate degree. Marjorie received her graduate degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, Illinois. Post graduate studies were at the University of Chicago, Roosevelt University, DePaul University, and Chicago State University. Her professional career was spent as a teacher at Washington Elementary, teacher counselor, and Assistant Principal at Fisk Elementary School. In 1987, she retired as a counselor at Dumas Elementary School.

Mrs. Mims was a devoted Christian and member of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, along with her husband Thomas for over 50 plus years. She served Bethesda as a member of the Board of Trustees, Usher Board, and other advisory positions. Mrs. Mims was dedicated and very passionate about her commitment to the Church.

Marjorie was also very active in many social community organizations throughout Chicago and the South Shore neighborhood where she and husband Thomas were declared as the longest residential home owner in the Jackson Park Highlands, in which she resided and was a member of the Jackson Park Highlands Association.

Mrs. Mims, the eleventh Central Area Director of The Links, Incorporated, was inducted into the North Shore Illinois Chapter in 1972. Her region included 13 states and 102 chapters of which she supervised. In 1974, she joined the Chicago Illinois Chapter of The Links, Inc. Marjorie served on the National Executive Council for eight years during which time she was National Chair of Awards and Certificates. Using the theme "Enhancing the Legacy, Fulfilling the Dream", Mrs. Mims presided over two Central Area Conferences. She also established a newsletter and an Archival History Book which included a history of each of the 58 chapters in Central Area at the time. Her tenure was highlighted with the installation of eight chapters. In July 2012, in Orlando, Florida she received one of the highest membership awards "Platinum" at The Links Incorporated National Assembly. Over 40 years ago, Marjorie had a vision that the Hilton Head Island Links Chapter become established. This vision became a reality, on Saturday November 4, 2017.

In addition to her extensive Link involvement, she organized the Chicago Chapter of the CHUMS, was past National Vice President of the Moles, Inc., member of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Auxiliary, member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Vice President of the South Shore Auxiliary, Member of the National Counselor Association, Chicago Teachers Union, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (she was initiated at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana).

In 2013 Marjorie made a very difficult decision to relocate to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Marjorie and Thomas maintained a second home in

Sea Pines for many years for easier living without the hustle and bustle of Chicago. After relocating to her treasured island, she served the community in the following capacities: Volunteers in Medicine, Beaufort County Democratic Party, and the Women's Club of Sea Pines.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Raleigh Thomas Mims in 1987 and her beloved husband Thomas in 2000; two brothers Raleigh Joyce and Dr. Donald Joyce.

Marjorie Joyce Mims leaves to cherish precious memories: her son John Wesley of Buford, Georgia ; two grandsons, John who lived with her until her passing and Lionel both of Hilton Head Island; one great-grandson, Adriene Mims, Jefferson, Georgia; one great-granddaughter, Jamiyah Gadsden; a cousin Helena Joyce- DuBose of Okemos, Michigan; as well as a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Marjorie Joyce Mims lived a long and joyous life with the Lord.

Do Not Mourn "Celebrate My Long Life"
I Have Enjoyed a Very Fruitful Life. It Is Now
Time for a Beautiful, Peaceful, Spiritual, and Merciful Transition
To God Be the Glory
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Central Oak Grove Baptist Church
161 Matthews Drive
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Public Viewing

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marjorie Joyce Mims*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I just learned of Mrs. Mims passing. I am the Realtor that sold her Chicago home. I found this when the attorney that handled her transaction asked for forwarding information in relation to her sell. Mrs. Mims was a delight, we went thru a lot to get her home sold, during that time I learned to love and cherish her. My condolences to her family. She will always be remembered. Andretta Robinson ReMax 10 in Chicago area.*

Andretta Robinson - December 04, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *Grandmother Mim's I have so many great memories of our time together. You were such a beautiful spirit, and I thank God that I was fortunate to know you in this lifetime. You will always have a place in my heart. I Love You Always Rest In Heaven You Will Be Greatly Missed. Cherese Wiles*

Cherese Wiles - December 23, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *On behalf of the A. A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home Family and Staff we offer our Condolences and Heartfelt Prayers to the entire Mims Family. Love you. Charles S. Childs, Jr.*



Charles S. Childs, Jr. - November 10, 2017 at 03:15 PM

LP

“ As we mourn the death of Soror Marjorie, I am reminded that in the end, its not the years in our lives that count, its the life in our years that counts.

Rest in Peace, dear Marjorie..

Lois Parsons, Sumter South Carolina

lois parsons - November 09, 2017 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ RIP Marjorie. Although I did not know her well, Links, Incorporated , Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated and Chums, Inc. bound us together as sisters. Her positive, and cheerful disposition made her a delight to be around. I am grateful for the time we did spend together.

Rosalind Hollis



Rosalind Hollis - November 08, 2017 at 03:52 PM

 Tiffany
Wilson

“ To the family,
Santonia Chisolm and Tiffany Wilson, from the CSA office, would like to send our deepest sympathy. For the past several years we have enjoyed our visits and phone calls from Mrs, Mims. She always had her special thoughts that she liked to share with us and forever those thoughts will be cherished. She will truly be missed!

*-Thoughts and love sent to all,
Tiffany Wilson and Santonia Chisolm*

Tiffany Wilson - November 08, 2017 at 02:10 PM

FV

“ Our family lived across the street from Mrs. Mims in Sea Pines. We feel blessed that we got to know and spend time with her. She was always so positive and appreciative of every little gesture toward her. We were so impressed by her commitment to Volunteers in Medicine, her community, and her family . She was a true blessing to our life.



Romans 14:8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Felicia Vairo - November 08, 2017 at 12:53 PM

LH

“ Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of your loved one. Hold fast to your memories and "Hold fast to your dreams, for without them life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." – Langston Hughes.



*Savannah (GA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated
Beverly M. Hall, President*

Link Beverly M. Hall - November 08, 2017 at 12:46 PM

RM

“ Raymond Cox, MD Volunteers in Medicine purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marjorie Joyce Mims.



Raymond Cox, MD Volunteers in Medicine - November 08, 2017 at 09:19 AM

ND

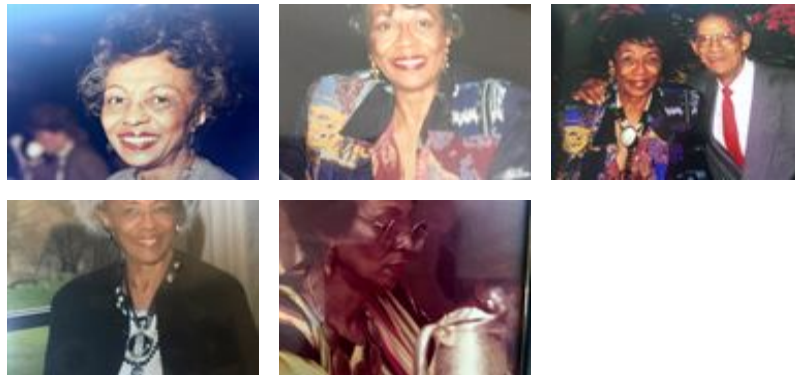
“ I will truly miss Mrs. Mims. I lived across the street from her for over 30 years. Growing up with her sons, John and Raleigh, we were more family than neighbors. I last saw her this year at the Central Area Conference of The Links, Incorporated. We chatted about the neighborhood, friends and upcoming National Assembly, she asked me to be her roommate.
I will always remember, my Soror, my Link sister and second mom.
Rest In Peace, Mrs. Mims.
Love,
Nadine DeJohnette



Nadine DeJohnette - November 07, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Palmer Memorial Chapel - November 07, 2017 at 03:31 PM

RP

“ *Richard and Elaine Prioleau purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Marjorie Joyce Mims.*



Richard and Elaine Prioleau - November 07, 2017 at 06:08 AM

BB

“ *Brian and Catherine Byars (Brooke & Brenden) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Marjorie Joyce Mims.*



Brian and Catherine Byars (Brooke & Brenden) - November 07, 2017 at 05:18 AM

RT

“ *Rest in Peace Link Marjorie. A unique, one of a kind individual, Marjorie was true to what she believed. She was strong in her faith, a devout Christian who was very proud of her membership at Greater Bethesda Baptist Church in Chicago. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched. God has given us the gift of memory, and it is through out memories of times together with Marjorie will keep her alive for us forever. My pray is that God keep His loving arms around her family and friends and comfort them now. God bless all.*

*Soror/Link/ Rev. Dr. Camilla Scott Tanner
Chicago, IL*

Rev. Dr. Camilla Scott Tanner - November 06, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marjorie Joyce Mims.*



November 06, 2017 at 07:58 PM