



Ramona Rhodes

December 30, 1950 - July 9, 2024

Ramona Denise Rhodes transitioned to be with her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Yale New Haven Hospital. “Mona” as she liked to be called, was born December 30, 1950, in New Haven, Connecticut. She was the middle daughter, born to her parents, Helena Richardson and Ora Richardson.

Ramona graduated from West Haven High School and matriculated to South Central Community College, now known as Gateway Community College. She began working at U.S. Motors in Milford, Connecticut after her graduation and worked there until the business closed. She then worked at Seton Name Plate in Branford, Connecticut until her retirement. As a Customer Service Rep, Ramona greeted each customer with her soothing voice and beautiful smile and of course, she dressed each day to “Da Max.”

Ramona met the love of her life, Johnny Lee Rhodes in 1976, where they fell in love and later married at Bethel A.M.E. Church on May 31, 1980. Together they blended their family. Out of this union was daughter Veronica Kara Rhodes together. They were happily married for 39 years and resided in West Haven.

Ramona’s Aunt Meta made sure she attended Bethel A.M.E. church as a child

and she later joined the church in 1985 under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. J. Stanley Justice. For many years, Ramona was a member of the Gospelite Choir and loved singing soprano. She served a term as President. Additionally, she gave her time as a Class Leader. Mona was also devoted to attending Women's noon day prayer and Bible study.

Ramona was a food connoisseur well known for her specialty dishes, that she often made for her friends and family. Her signature dishes were sweet potato pie, pound cake, stuffing, and potato salad. She found comfort in cooking for her friends, church family and her neighbors. Ramona also enjoyed home décor where she often visited every T.J Maxx, Marshalls, and Home Goods stores throughout CT on her free time. Mona enjoyed vibrant colors of red and orange.

Left to cherish and honor her memories are her daughters, Veronica Rhodes of Meriden, and Angela Rhodes of West Haven, sons, Michael Rhodes of Hamden, and Ray Rhodes (Denise) of Florence, SC; two sisters, Patricia Hall and Roxanna Bartlett; sister-in-law Ann Rhodes of Clarksville, TN and Edith Rhodes of Durham, NC Brother in Law Carnell Rhodes Jr of Darlington, SC; Five grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of cousins and friends

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Johnny; her parents Helena and Ora Richardson; her son Johnny Rhodes Jr; nephew Phillip Hall, brother-in-law James Rhodes

“Ramona will be truly Missed”

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUL 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
255 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Shelia Dixon lit a candle in memory of Ramona Rhodes*



Shelia Dixon - November 10, 2025 at 02:59 PM

IH

“ *Monie thanks for being a true friend to my Mom.. and thank you for always looking out for my sister and I when we were little.. forever in my heart.. 🙏🙏❤️❤️ for the family..*

Ianthia Hawley - July 16, 2024 at 11:26 AM

CP

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the entire Rhodes Family. May the family be comforted by the love of our lord during this time of grieving. God Bless This Family Always Mrs. Caroline Ponteau and Family*



Caroline Ponteau - July 16, 2024 at 07:08 AM

MB

“ *Veronica may God comfort you at this time. For God has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*



Mabel Brown - July 15, 2024 at 07:08 PM

MR

“ *Michael Reis purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ramona Rhodes.*



Michael Reis - July 15, 2024 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ *Christine C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ramona Rhodes.*

Christine C. - July 15, 2024 at 03:27 PM