



## Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler

March 2, 1935 - September 1, 2017

Deaconess Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler of Suffolk, VA departed this life on Friday, September 1, 2017 at the Autumn Care Nursing Home of Suffolk, VA. She was born on March 2, 1935 to the late Jesse Matthew and Stella Knight Matthew in Gates, NC.

She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Gates.

Rose leaves to cherish fond memories: (1) daughter, Vallrie Freeman (Kearney) of Suffolk, VA; (3) grandchildren; (2) great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, other relatives and many friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hunter's Funeral Home - Gates  
701 Hwy 158 West  
Gates, NC 27937  
(252) 357-3130  
<https://www.huntersfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church  
Hwy 37  
Gatesville, NC 27938

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Valerie and Family....

*Our mother's knew each other quite well back in the St. Mary's Hospital (and school) days and my mother always spoke so well and thought so highly of your mom. There was certainly a great deal of respect and a bond of friendship.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss and I pray you all experience His peace that surpasses all of our understanding.*

*God Bless!*

*Michael Fuller*

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**Michael Fuller** - September 15, 2017 at 09:36 AM

MA

“ *I worked with Rose at St Mary's hospital, and will always have fond memories of our time spent together, she was a wonderful woman, my condolences to her family. Sincerely Marylou Antonio*

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**MaryLou Antonio** - September 09, 2017 at 03:43 PM

KW

“ *Kristen Hall Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



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**Kristen Hall Whitehead** - September 09, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *My condolences to the Matthew, Knight and Hofler families may God strengthen each and everyone...*



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**MsHonda Accord** - September 09, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *To Matthews & Hofler Family, Proverbs 31:10 Describes A Virtuous Woman And Miss Rose Was Her. She Was A Mother, Friend & Inspired To Me. Always Encourging Me And Making Sure I Was Taking Care Of. I Will Miss Her Wisdom, Understanding And Appreciation. Praying For The Family. Deacon Darryl Greene Nolensville Tn.*

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**Darryl Greene** - September 09, 2017 at 01:33 AM



“ *To the Rosa "Rose" M. Hofler Family,*

*Deaconess Hofler was a lovely person. It was a blessing to know her. Our church family, Poole's Grove Missionary Baptist Church, was thankful for the wonderful Deaconess workshop that she conducted for us a few years ago. She will remain in our hearts and thoughts forever. Bless you at this sad time.*

*Deaconess Edna Z. Durant*

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**Edna Z. Durant** - September 08, 2017 at 09:56 PM

CF

“ *Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss.*

*Please know that we are here for you.*

*Deacon Samuel Fleming  
Deaconess Clara Fleming*

*Mt. Calvery Missionary Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

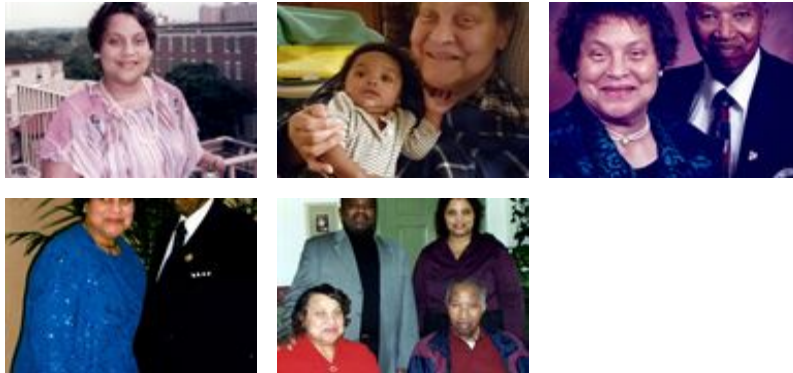
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Hillside, NJ 07205*

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**clara fleming** - September 08, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hunter's Funeral Home** - September 08, 2017 at 03:48 PM

TS

“ *Rest in peace Cousin Rose  
From Troy Bond*

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**Troy Bond Sr** - September 08, 2017 at 01:45 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers are with you and the family.

*Shelby and Diane Saunders*

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**Diane Saunders** - September 07, 2017 at 11:23 PM

JS

“ Thank you Deaconess Hofler for always modeling warm and demanding. You embraced our family with a smile and high expectations for us all. You pushed us to be better and I thank you for it. Rest easy knowing just your light touched so many and that you will live in our fond memories. Peace and blessings.

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**Julian Saavedra** - September 07, 2017 at 11:13 PM

MS

“ Momma Rose as I called her was a beautiful loving and caring... Valrie and Family you have my deepest condolences. Rest in Heaven Momma Rose.. 🌹

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**Madlyn Smith-Driver** - September 07, 2017 at 09:49 PM

TF

“ The Purnell Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler.



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**The Purnell Family** - September 07, 2017 at 09:44 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Brinkley lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



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**Barbara Brinkley** - September 07, 2017 at 09:42 PM

PB

“ Valrie, Kearney, Chrissy, Kim, Grandson Freeman and Greats, A beauty has been welcomed in the heavenly gates with our dear heavenly father! I am deeply saddened by the passing of Mother Hofler, My Spiritua Mother that you let me borrow time to time! A warm loving woman to welcome you after being baptized at Zion Baptist Church! A Sunday school encourager! A mother figure from an Angel, A Virtuous Women, A Ositive Role Model to follow on being a Great Wife, Amazing Mother, A Wondetful Grand-Mother, A SENSATIONAL DEACONESS, A Well -Knowledgeed OR.R., NURSE @St.Mary's Hospital! When I suddenly had to have emergency luver surgery, she assisted Dr Hamzi in the OR keeping my bloid pressure down! There when I went to slerp holding my hand and as I woke up in recovery she was there! While being in the intensive care sge and her sister in law rotated taking care of me! I latched on and never left her side! When in doubt, I knew to turn to Mother Hofler yet leaning on God to direct and guide me, each way and everyday! She nevet falsely judged me nor spoke a harsh, disturbing word of any individual! Mother Hofler reflected to me in July 2017-her love for deacon Hofler, her love! They are now reunited ad two serving Earthly to Heavenly Angels! I am truly truly lost by her passing and would like to express my most heartfelt deepest condolences to you Vallrie and family! You all were truly helomeats to her and she expressed all that the five of you had done! Moving in, taking her ti apointments and soforth! Vallrie you truthfully were an amazing daughter to both your parents! I hope that Gid will grant you with peace for all the works you have done and even bless you with a joy to continue to love and grow even deeoer with your family as your parents were ♥♥♥♥ Blessings and love to you all Mrs. Paula Ferrine Brockington and Family! WE SEND CONDOLENCES WITH LOVE!

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Paula Ferrine Brockington - September 07, 2017 at 09:31 PM

AL

“ *Alma D Lassiter sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hoffer*



Alma D Lassiter - September 07, 2017 at 08:46 PM

DK

“ *To Val and family you have our deepest sympathy your Mom was a wonderful woman, full of wisdom and love your Dad and Mom were instrumental in my husband becoming a Deacon along with Deacon Al Justice they were spiritual people and their living was not in vain they are truly missed but we have a wealth of memories to hold on forever. Submitted in love Deacon & Deaconess Robert & Dolores Kee*

Dolores Kee - September 07, 2017 at 07:20 PM

LW

*To Valerie and family...i extend my deepest condolences to you on the loss of Mother Rose. She was one of my spiritual mother's and I honor and respect her to the highest. We were not ready to let her go, but God knew she was growing tired and ready for her transformation. May she sleep in Heavenly Peace. Love Lynda Williams.*

Lynda Williams - September 08, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Deaconess Rose Hoffer. I have such fond memories of her at Zion Baptist in Waterbury, CT, and from growing up on Cooke Street. She was such a kind woman, and was always very generous with her hugs. Sleep peacefully, Angel...*

Donna Stevenson - September 07, 2017 at 07:14 PM

JR

“ *To the Hoffler & Freeman family. You have our deepest sympathy in the passing of your love one.*

*- Mrs. Julia A. Riddick and family  
Waterbury, CT*



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**Julia A. Riddick** - September 07, 2017 at 07:07 PM

LF

“ *Love, Madeline Trotman and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler.*



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**Love, Madeline Trotman and Family** - September 07, 2017 at 11:08 AM

CJ

“ *To the Hofler family, I extend my condolences to you on the homegoing of Deaconess Hofler. Since I have known her she was a wonderful woman of God. She always encouraged and advised me on being a deacon. I will miss her tremendously. May the family stay encouraged. Charlie Jones, Bridgeport, CT*

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**Charlie Jones** - September 07, 2017 at 11:04 AM

MS

“ To Valerie and family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your Mother. Deacon and Deaconess Hoffer were role models of living God's word, as they helped and cared for those at Zion Baptist Church. My sons, Julian and Wesley, took part in the Deacon's Alliance and remember the leadership and love they received. My Mom, who was a nurse for 40 years, felt a kinship with your Mom and enjoyed sharing memories with her. As believers, I know you will lean on the Lord and rejoice that she is now in His presence, after a lifetime of faith. -In sympathy, Michele Saavedra-Slappey and family



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**Michele V Saavedra** - September 07, 2017 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ Sincere sympathy to all of the family. May God give you comfort during this very difficult time.  
Sincerely,

*Bermer Ridenhour  
Columbia, SC*

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**Bermer Ridenhour** - September 07, 2017 at 05:01 AM

ES

*My condolences Val, stay strong, praying for You and your family  
Evan Hunter  
Waterbury, CT*

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**Evan Hunter Sr** - September 07, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler.*



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September 06, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Deaconess Rose Hofler "Auntie Rose". Her smile would light up a room and her kindness would warm your heart. I have beautiful memories of Auntie Rose and her introducing Krystal and I to the Connecticut Deacons Alliance. Through her mentoring, I served as a state and national officer. We had some amazing trips. I have memories to last a lifetime. Continued prayers to her family.*



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**Katrina Eason** - September 06, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *I was Blessed to work closely with Deaconess Rose in The Connecticut Deacons Alliance and in our National Baptist Deacons Convention. I pray God's Blessings on her soul and I pray for the comfort of her family and loved ones.*



*Richard E. Banks  
Florida Deacons Delegation*

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**Rick Banks** - September 06, 2017 at 01:12 PM

GM

“ *Glenda, Tyrone, Davie Mcmillian lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



glenda, tyrone, dave mcmillian - September 06, 2017 at 11:24 AM

SK

“ *Shelia\Goldie Knight lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



Shelia\Goldie Knight - September 05, 2017 at 10:28 PM

HP

“ *Helen Peoples lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



Helen Peoples - September 04, 2017 at 08:50 AM

SM

“ *Sarah Montague lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler*



Sarah Montague - September 04, 2017 at 08:43 AM

SM

“ Val & family it is with heartfelt sympathy that I send prayers if comfort and love to you and yours your Mom n Dad and I developed a loving friendly and soiritusl relationship. I truly cherish the memories. God bless I love you.

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**Sarah Montague** - September 04, 2017 at 08:42 AM

EK

“ Ethel K.Stevens lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler



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**Ethel K.Stevens** - September 03, 2017 at 06:46 PM

DH

“ Delores Harvey lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Rose" Matthews Hofler



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**Delores Harvey** - September 03, 2017 at 01:56 PM