



Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding

August 24, 1934 - October 8, 2023

Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding, 89, of Charleston, SC, widow of the late Judge Bernard Rodolph Fielding, Sr., died on October 8, 2023 in Charleston, SC. She is survived by her children: Bernard R. Fielding, Jr. (Jaycie Rappold) and Constance Felicia Fielding Person; grandchildren: Deja Monae Johnson and Madison Person, great-grandchildren: Brayden Johnson and Bryson Smalls; sister: Marion Kathleen Lawson Stewart Johnson of Deland, Florida; and nephew and niece: Mark and Marla Stewart. She was predeceased by her daughter, Donna Marie Diaz; and parents: Ralph Edward and Constance Dougans Lawson of Luray, VA.

Both services, the visitation with the family on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 pm and the funeral service on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 11:00 am will be held at the W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home and Chapel, 2119 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29405. The arrangements are being handled in collaboration with Fielding Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Conchita Lawson Fielding to The Center for Heirs Property Preservation at 8570 Rivers Avenue, Suite 170, North Charleston, SC 29406.

Mrs. Fielding was born in Baltimore, MD on August 24, 1934, and grew up in Luray, VA. She enrolled at Hampton Institute (now University) in 1952,

majored in business education, and graduated with honors in 1956. She and the late Judge Fielding married in 1957. He died on October 9, 2020, at the age of 89.

She was an ex-officio employee of the Fielding Home for Funerals where she served as a board member and secretary for the corporation. Mrs. Fielding retired as a federal employee in 1998 with 40 years of service including 34 years with the U.S. Customs Service. She was the first African American woman employed by the U.S. Customs in Charleston.

Her community affiliations included Gamma Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. the National Hampton Alumni Association, the Charleston Chapter of the Hampton Alumni Association, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (retired), and the Charleston (SC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated (retired). The family attends Centenary United Methodist Church on Wentworth Street in downtown Charleston.

Cemetery Details

Unity & Friendship Cemetery

Charleston, SC

Previous Events

Wake Service

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Smith-McNeal Funeral Chapel
2119 Dorchester Road
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EI

“ I loved this woman she was a awesome person I will miss you Conchita may you rest in peace



elsie isaac - October 15, 2023 at 12:03 AM

TS

“ Bernie & Connie - Hold to God's Unchanging Hand. Your mom and dad were Rock Stars. You have been gifted all the tools you need to carry on their legacies. Keep the good days at the forefront.



Tiffany Spann-Wilder - October 14, 2023 at 12:36 PM

PS

“ Met Conchita in Phoenix when she and Bernard visited with her cousin, my dad and myself and sisters. Such a wonderful visit! The memory of that day still brings a smile. Prayers to the family for the loss of such a great lady!

Peg Stewart - October 14, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JT

“ We light this candle in memory of Conchita Fielding. May you rest in peace.
Jacquelyn & Bernard (Sonny) Taylor 🙏🙏😊



Jacquelyn Taylor - October 14, 2023 at 08:51 AM

RC

“ Rene Chinn-Lang lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding



Rene Chinn-Lang - October 14, 2023 at 01:09 AM

LW

“ Conchita was a lovely person, who enjoyed life. I remember she always asked us to play “After Hours” whenever we performed in Luray. Whenever I hear this song, I’ll think of her. The last time we were together was at Mark and Amy’s wedding in Savannah, and we were partying all evening with her, Nardy and rest of the Family! To the Family, we are so sorry for your loss, and hope memories remain in your hearts.

Linda Watts - October 13, 2023 at 07:33 PM

CM

“ Conchita and Bernard were two of the role models that I was blessed to know and interact with as we all labored for our beloved Hampton University She was always vivacious, wise, and Natural in how she related to us all. We will miss you lady but please rest and abide in peace!

Charles H. Myler 69'

Charles H. Myler - October 13, 2023 at 05:21 PM

MS

“ The impact of the loss of my second mother is profound. I have so many great memories and life experiences that I will forever cherish.

Mark Stewart - October 13, 2023 at 02:01 PM

RM

“ We are lighting this candle in your memory.
Rest in Paradise Conchita.
Roberta McReynolds & Family



Roberta McReynolds - October 13, 2023 at 01:14 PM

IC

“ Irma Dougans Cooper lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding



Irma Dougans Cooper - October 13, 2023 at 08:25 AM

IC

*Rest in peace, Cousin Conchita. To God be the glory. Irma Dougans
Cooper, Degale ,Melvin Jr and Cristina.*

Irma Dougans Cooper - October 13, 2023 at 08:29 AM

MH

“ I will miss my friend, Conchita. We spent many a Ques Qui
weekends, as guests, during the Christmas holidays at Myrtle
beach. We loved the shopping, restaurants and fellowship. She will
be missed.

Marsha Hassell, Goose Creek, SC

Marsha Hassell - October 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM

MC

To the Family of the late Soror Conchita Fielding, I extend my sincere condolences having reflected to the times as a kid when I would accompany my mother to a number of the Charleston Chapter of Hampton Institute (now University) activities such as annual cookouts at "Mr. Pink's," the late Mr. Pinckney Ezekiel's place and her support when I was selected as a "Debutante" back-in-the-day and proceeded during my undergrad days to becoming a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. "My Aunt"/Soror Conchita L. Fielding will be sorely missed.

Godspeed.

*Prayerfully,
Soror M. Anne Cook*

Ms. M. Anne Cook - October 14, 2023 at 01:33 AM

SF

“*Heaven has gained a mighty angel! She is surely at peace with no more pain.*”



Sylvia Sue Brown Hall & Family - October 12, 2023 at 12:41 PM

JC

“ God bless her soul for all the wonderful people that she touched in her lifetime on this earth, and for all the people she touch in her lifetime on this earth, never forget those valuable things at the time she was on this earth, her legacy will never be forgotten on this earth, God bless you for making her the great person she was in her lifetime on this earth, well-done job in the name of God, she was a child of God with love, understanding, loyalty, commitment, and also had God in the front of her lifetime on this earth that made her be the person she was in her lifetime on this earth.

James Curtis and Family From Washington D.C

James Curtis - October 12, 2023 at 12:18 PM

LG

“ Laurie and Shaun Gadsden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding.

Laurie and Shaun Gadsden - October 12, 2023 at 10:20 AM

LG

“ Laurie and Shaun Gadsden purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding.



Laurie and Shaun Gadsden - October 12, 2023 at 10:20 AM

PH

“ Conchita Fielding was a proud Hamptonian who in the Hampton tradition "let her life do the singing." For many years I had the honor of working with her and her husband in the National Hampton Alumni Association.

Condolences to the family. Patricia Larkins Hicks '71, Past National Hampton University Alumni Association President.



Patricia Larkins Hicks - October 11, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding.

October 10, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding.



October 10, 2023 at 01:42 PM

SB

“ Soror Carzenia Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Raquel Conchita Lawson Fielding



Soror Carzenia Brown - October 10, 2023 at 11:06 AM

SB

A beautiful angel, Soror Conchita, has entered into Heaven. I will miss your smile, jokes and beautiful spirit. My prayers go up for the family. Love you and will miss you. You are definitely a Pearl.

*Carzenia Brown
GXO*

Soror Carzenia Brown - October 10, 2023 at 11:09 AM

AP

“*When I transferred from US Customs in New York to Charleston it was a culture shock to say the least. I was blessed to have been placed on the team with Conchita as my team leader. She not only mentored me at work, she also was a mentor in my personal and spiritual life. She took such an interest in my daughter Kayla who ended up becoming one of her Sorority Sisters. Thank you, thank you, thank you for just being you!! I'm so glad God placed me in your path. My prayers and condolences to the family. Toni Peek-Williams*

Antoinette Peek-Williams - October 10, 2023 at 08:22 AM

BG

“*As a young transfer to US Customs from Savannah, Conchita took me under her wing to show me the ropes. She was one of the first female import specialists and an incredible leader. Once on a work trip to New Orleans, we were out late listening to jazz and I could not keep up with her. She told me “Child, when they nail that coffin shut...that’s when I’ll rest”. Rest in peace Conchita after a life well lived. What an example you set for all of us with your kindness, integrity, wisdom, love, humor, and sass! You touched many lives and I’m lucky to have been one of them. Brenda Gibson*

Brenda Gibson - October 09, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Conchita’s passing. When I first moved to Charleston, she helped me find a place to stay and welcomed me to the import specialist team. They always had pit lucks and she would bring ‘Conchita fish’. I would enjoy hearing stories about work, live, love and food. Great memories Amazing cook, awesome co-worker and such a great person. May all who knew her take comfort in the many great memories of being in her presence. Prayers and hugs.
D.E. Hightower.

Dannie Dannie - October 09, 2023 at 06:43 PM