



## Alberta Cromwell

April 8, 1924 - December 22, 2012

Alberta N. Cromwell fondly called “Jessie or Bertha” was born April 8, 1924 in Russellville, South Carolina to Sarah Murray and Fred Middleton. She was the seventh child of eleven. Her early childhood education was in Russellville, South Carolina. She always said her love of reading came from her father. During WWII, Alberta worked at an ammunition plant in Charleston, South Carolina where she met her future husband, Benjamin Cromwell, through a pen-pal relationship. Later, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland. She worked at an ammunition plant in Aberdeen, Maryland. She married Benjamin in Baltimore on March 20, 1946, while on a ten day leave from the Navy.

Alberta and Benjamin moved back to Charleston, South Carolina and six children were born, 2 (Benjamin and Darrell) preceded her in death. In 1956, they moved back to Baltimore for better job opportunities. Alberta worked for the Baltimore County School System for more than 20 years and retired in 1988. They joined Greater St. John’s Baptist Church where she was a member of the Senior Choir and the Missionary Board.

She was a superb mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She showed unconditional love to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an outstanding cook. Many, many people enjoyed meals at her home. The neighborhood children would look forward to Sunday afternoons to get a piece of her delicious cake. She especially enjoyed her family gatherings. She

enjoyed reading and listening to music. She was a TRUE MATRIARCH and kept her family bonded together.

She possessed a humble spirit and quiet dignity. She was a God fearing woman who loved God to the end and when she was no longer able to attend church, she continued to tithe as well as stayed in contact via telephone and cards. There are not enough words that can describe how beautiful, caring, loving and loyal person she was. She will be greatly missed.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, Benjamin Cromwell; her children, Harold Cromwell (Angela), Yusef Shahid (Gloria), William Cromwell (Debbie) and Velma Perry-Smith (Michael); daughter-in-law, Vivian Cromwell; 2 sisters, Cornelia Bennett and Vernell (Hattie) Barnes; 2 sisters-in-law, Evelyn Majors and Elle Mae McLloyd; 26 grandchildren, 48 great granddechildren, 3 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Greater St. John Baptist  
209 Walnut Street  
Baltatimore, MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alberta Cromwell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Le Venia Ryce lit a candle in memory of Alberta Cromwell*



**Le Venia Ryce** - December 27, 2012 at 09:26 AM



“ *To the family: I would like to express my sincere condolence for the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort, during this time of mourning. In persistent prayers as. "The paece of God that excels all thought will guard your heart and your mental powers." (Philippians 4:7) I certainly hope in knowing that God care will make a difference at this difficult time.*

**Deborah Gipson** - December 26, 2012 at 09:19 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

**March Funeral Homes** - December 24, 2012 at 09:10 AM

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*To the Cromwell family: I would like to express my sincere condolence, and heartfelt sympathy in the lose of your love one. Psalm 121: 1. I will lift up my eyes to the hills where my help comes from, My help comes from the lord the maker of all things. Shirley Ramsey*

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**Shirley B. Ramsey** - December 27, 2012 at 10:44 AM

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*To Velma and family: My prayers are with you all.  
Betty E. Cowan*

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**Betty Cowan** - January 02, 2013 at 07:30 PM