



## Alberta E. Bowman

April 2, 1908 - September 27, 2004

Alberta Elizabeth Washington-Bowman was born in Sutherland, Virginia to the late John William Washington and Roberta Gossie. John William Washington was an Irish gentleman and Roberta Gossie a Cherokee Indian. Alberta was originally named Elizabeth Washington, but later her name was changed to Alberta. She was fondly known and often referred to as “Granny” by everyone who knew and loved her so dearly. She was the 2nd youngest girl of thirteen brothers and sisters. Alberta was raised on a farm where her parents raised crops and sold them in the city. She attended school and was taught the Word of God at a young age. Alberta was a very obedient child who believed in prayer. Her brothers would laugh and tease her about praying all the time. Her mother told her she would live a long life because of her obedience, which she did. Alberta moved to Baltimore in her youth following behind her brothers and sister. She worked as a domestic worker for years and began a family. She met the late James A. Bowman and they married. From that union two additional children were added to the family, which gave them a total of ten children. Both Alberta and James loved their children very much and spent many happy years together. They taught their family to rise up early on Sunday mornings, to read the word of God and pray, to reverence God and keep His commandments. Sunday was reserved for rest and no real labor chores could be done. Granny looked well to the ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness (Proverbs 31:27). She was sure not to be slothful and was always going about the work of the Lord. She taught us to respect

and love one another; to show great hospitality to guests; to demonstrate proper manners at all times ; and to respect your elders and not to talk back. The Word of God was her standard of measurement, but most importantly she led by example and never expected you to do anything she was not already doing herself. Granny operated a candy store from her West Baltimore home "The Alley Store," which literally turned into a mini market. She sold eggs, juice, chicken, candy, ice-cream, soda, etc. If the person needed it, she would sell it. She opened her arms to the poor and extended her hands to the needy (Proverbs 31:20). She gave store credit all the time and if the bill could not be paid she would extend even more credit. She believed God would repay her because she was doing the right thing. She not only fed the needy with physical food she also nourished them with the Word of God. She was well known throughout the community. Many people have stopped her in the streets and in the markets to thank her for helping them in the countless ways that she did. People we didn't even know or remember. She never really realized how much of an impact she had on so many people. Even though Granny never stood in a pulpit she has surely preached the Gospel too many people just in her lifestyle alone. What a Legacy she leaves! May she enjoy in glory the reward that awaits her. But to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward (Proverbs 11:48). She leaves to cherish her loving memory: three sons and daughters-in-law, James & Delores Harris, Joshua & Sylvia Matthews, Rayner & Darlene Matthews; five daughters and three sons-in-law, June Porter, Gwendolyn Wiggins, Jacqueline Jones, Roslyn & Calvin Jones, Reta & Quentin Stewart Sr., & Walter Turner; two children that passed on before her, Mary Turner and Alexander Bowman; one brother, Thomas Washington; and a host of grand, great grand and great great grandchildren, as well as many other family members and friends. THE LOVE OF GOD is too great to conceive, don't try to explain it, Just trust and believe.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alberta E. Bowman*

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“ *Alberta E. Bowman*

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“ *May the Lord strengthen all of you! Your Grandmother bless me each time I saw her and sometimes helped her to her seat. Her classy style and sweet, sweet way will be missed. God Bless. Loretta##imported-begin##Loretta Thornton##imported-end##*

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“ *WE HAVE TO CHERISH THE MEMORY OF AUNT ALBERTA.OUR FAMILY SENDS PEACE TO YOU ALL.BE BLESSED.MAY WE ALL KEEP AUNT ALBERTA'S SPIRIT ALIVE. LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##LIZ AND FAMILY##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Family, May God Bless and Keep you at this time and I bear witness for a time like this for me. God can give you a peace that passes understanding. Mrs. Alberta was a sweet woman with Godly wisdom that she didn't mind sharing. The way she raised her hand in praise reminded me of how my mother use to raise her hand in praise. I will remember her praise, her sweetness, her sharing of wisdom and her style particularly HATS. May God Bless and Keep You!###imported-begin##Elaine Strother##imported-end##

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“ *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me (Author Unknown) When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'll be right there, in your heart.##imported-begin##Honey & Sonja##imported-end##*

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“ To Bill & Sonja & family: God HAS PICKED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER FROM HIS GARDEN TO COMPLETE HIS BOUQUET! KEEP THE MEOMORY OF THIS BEAUTIFUL FLOWER IN YOUR HEARTS & HER BLOOM WILL NEVER FADE AWAY. IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY, CATHERINE & DAUGHTERS###imported-begin##Catherine Grant & Family###imported-end##

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“ Hi grandma, it's me quiera. I know you are in a better place, and i know you no longer have to suffer with anymore pain. But i miss you and for a litte while i am going to be a little selfish because i could always rely on you to tell me what i should and should not be eating. I could always rely on you to give to best advise and most of all i could always rely on you to show all the love in the world. But if i don't know anything else i know that you are watching over me & you and grandpa are finally back together again. I love you and you will always be in my thoughts. Your grandbaby###imported-begin##Quiera Matthews###imported-end##

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“ Dear Family, Stand firm in your faith. Your beautiful love one is in God hands-for this reason we bow our knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing you are, completely, absolutely loved by God. He will take care of you. Love, Peace & Blessings Robert & Ada###imported-begin##Robert and Ada Gaines###imported-end##

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“ Josh and Sylvia, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family on the loss of your beloved Granny. You are in our thought and prayers. We both feel as though I knew Granny, even though we never had the opportunity to meet such a wonderful person. May God be with you and comfort you in your time of grief. Love Ed & Donna###imported-begin##Ed & Donna Wade###imported-end##

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“ Loving memories sustain us in times of sadness. May your sorrow fade with each passing day. Sincere Condolences. Rita (Sonia's Sister)###imported-begin##Rita Gervais###imported-end##

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“ Although I did not have the privledge of personally knowing Ms. Bowman I still send my deepest regards. Obviously, Ms. Bowman is missed by all. However, there is a Bible hope for all found at John 5:28,29 in which it speaks of a resurrection hope when all will hear his voice and come out of their memorial tombs. Although this is a future prospect "we can still find comfort in the Scriptures" now, Roman 15:4. Again, I send my deepest sympathy to the family.###imported-begin##Brittany###imported-end##

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“ To the Family: Please accept my sincere condolences. Mrs. Bowman was very loved by her family and friends. May each of you continue to treasure the memories of her. Also, continue to be comforted by the ... Father of tender mercies and the God of Comfort who comforts us in all tribulation. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4.##imported-begin##Vanessa Adams##imported-end##

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“ Dear Bill. Grandmothers play a powerful role in their grandchildren's lives, and those who are loving, generous, warm and caring remain always in our hearts. We both remember grandmothers whom we cherished, and we know you will have many wonderful memories of your “Granny” to ease the parting.##imported-begin##Hattie-Jo and Ronn Mullins##imported-end##

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“ For the Family I am sorry for your lost. I am Chantay, one of Joseph Washington grandchildren. A wise woman and great bound to the Family from both sides. Although I really do not know most the people, I can say I had a chance to meet My great-Aunt Alberta who will always lead a legacy in our heart. We love you and wish you blessings##imported-begin##Bell's, Carter's, and Washington's##imported-end##

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“ Josh and Gwendolyn, I have known you both for many years and heard you speak of your mother. God has blessed you with a beautiful flower that has gone home to rest. May God keep you and enlarge your territory so as he did your mother.##imported-begin##Adeline Hutchinson##imported-end##

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“ dear friends and family thank you for your heart felt messages .yes granny has gone to be with the Lord AND WILL BE MISSED DEARLY. but we will not dwell on her illness we will remember the legacy she left and that was to love the lord God with all your heart soul and might as she did so. if you are reading this and have no excepted God into your life now is the time to do so that would make her smile and say "now thats what lam talking about" YOURS TRULY JACKIE##imported-begin##Jacqueline Ruffin##imported-end##

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“ Although no wordds can really help to ease the loss you bear. May it bring a share of comfort that others care. God be with all of at this time. Will keep you in prayer.##imported-begin##Alva Handy##imported-end##

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“ Gwen, I'm so very sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Be assured though that your Mom is in a great and wonderful resting place, in the arms of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who will carry her to much greater depths than we could ever imagine here on earth. Your Mom has always been blessed by God and will continue to be blessed by him eternally. therefore when you think of her think of God and there she will be. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy and if I can be of help in any way I will be. May God richly bless you and all of your family. With Love!###imported-begin##ACotten###imported-end##

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“ Josh and Sylvia, we are very sorry for the loss of your mother. Although we never had the opportunity to meet her, we know that she was a great lady because of the nice characteristics that we see in her son and based on the number of years that God has let her live here on Earth. May you take joy in knowing that your mom has joined the Angelic Choir that now hovers over you. May God bless and strengthen you as you mourn your loss.###imported-begin##Isaiah & Gloria Frost###imported-end##

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“ May God bless your family and strengthen you during your time of sorrow. Sincerely, The Jones Family###imported-begin##Mattie Jones###imported-end##

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“ Sorry about your loss. May God be with you and shower his blessing upon the entire family. Love you! Dee Oliver and Family###imported-begin##Dee Oliver###imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at John 11:25,26 where Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; and everyone that is living and exercises faith in me will never die at all." May you be comforted by this scripture.###imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe###imported-end##

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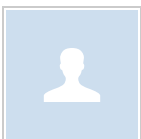
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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. 2Corinthian 1:3-4###imported-begin##Carter###imported-end##

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“ May God's presence ease your trembling spirit and give you rest. He knows how you feel. He is aware of your circumstances and ready to be your strength, your grace, your peace.-By Blue Mountain (Robin's family)###imported-begin##Kia & Maceo Clark###imported-end##

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“ when i think of Aunt Alberta my memories are sweet and kind. She always made you feel special and loved with her sheer presence. She will always be loved and missed in my heart.##imported-begin##Darlene Carter##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy goes out to my family. I am so proud to have had her for my aunt, she was always so beautiful to me and i will miss her. She was a shining movie star a fashion model and a role model to me. She out did me though she was the best, she worked so hard in all of her endeavors giving so much love in all that she touched. God was always with her and he's with her now. With all my love Patty. Big Glo sends her love to the family Every one always wanted to know why did i always call her aunt Alberta it was because she will always be My Aunt Alberta whom i loved and respected so much Love Big Glo.##imported-begin##Patty and Big Glo##imported-end##

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“ Until we meet again, we'll always miss your smile, your loving ways, and your words of encouragement. We love you very much. Kiarra, Kevin, Marquis, and Mya##imported-begin##Kiarra, Kevin, Marquis, and Mya##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Alberta E. Bowmen; May God take care of you through this difficult time. We love you and wish we could be there with you. You have our most sincere prayers. Love The Warren Family##imported-begin##Rev and Mrs. Floyd Warren##imported-end##

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“ WE WILL LIKE TO SEND OUR DEEPEST AND WARMEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##SHY, DRE'SHON, AMIRA##imported-end##

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“ Josh & Sylvia, Our hearts go out to you and your family. You all are always in our prayers. Love the Blackwells##imported-begin##Walter & Sheron Blackwell##imported-end##

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“ SORRY I COULD NOT BE THERE WITH YOU BUT I SHARE YOUR GRIEF##imported-begin##INA PIPPIN##imported-end##

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“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY##imported-begin##BRENDA & GREG MORTON##imported-end##

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“ -Trust in the Lord - I will testify of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I am trusting." Psalm 91:2 ML  
Bible###imported-begin##Yvonne Manning###imported-end##

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“ Even though you are gone you will be still in my heart. We love you dearly and will miss you always. Like you would always say "Its not good bye, it is see you later."###imported-begin##Charde Moulton###imported-end##

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“ We will never forget meeting Mr&Mrs Bowman and the rest of the family about twenty years ago in Norfolk, Va. Ohow Mrs. Bowman loved the Feast. It was her fvorite time of year. Gail and I loved to look back and remember how jubilant she was and always had a word of wisdom to share. It is written to the Saint"s in Christ,to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2Cor 5:8. We know that she is resting in Christ in antipastion of that great Feast Of Tabernacles which will take place in Jerusalem with the King of Kings and Lord Of Lords. We can hear her saying, lets all be there. Yes, Let"s do that. Love, Samuel&Gail Anderson###imported-begin##Samuel & Gail Anderson###imported-end##

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“ We praise You, Lord for her life, her love and her legacy. Family, Be of good courage,He shall strengthen you, Hope in the Lord, He will see you through. Love The Bridgers (Robin's family)###imported-begin##Dorothy Bridgers and Family###imported-end##

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“ what we had was blessed women in our life that is now leaving us to go to a better place and to be with the man that she loved the most JESUS i just want to say as long as i live i will miss you and love you may u rest in peace.and tell your daughter that all of her family said hi may god bless you.##imported-begin##JacquelineTurner##imported-end##

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“ I am very sorry to hear about the death of my great-grandmother but now she is in a better place. I will always love you and you will always stay in my heart.##imported-begin##DevinTurner##imported-end##

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“ "Every loss leaves an empty space that only God's presence can fill." -Anne Cetas. May the Comforter be with you during this period of loss. May the Lord lift you and guide you as you continue to walk in the faith; and, may His peace be with you always.##imported-begin##Elder Robert G. Holliday##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family, Extending our deepest sympathy to you and your family, knowing that Ms. Alberta was a Virtuous women for her price is far above Rubies.(Proverbs 31-10), I know her as granny from just coming to your family gathering,she will be miss, but she leave a legacy to carry on. May God continue to Bless you and keep you always. Love The Anderson Family###imported-begin##Mr & Mrs. Lorenzo Anderson###imported-end##

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