



## Alberta Suggs-Lofton

November 29, 1920 - February 26, 2016

Alberta Suggs Lofton, the first of two children born to the late Deacon Oscar Suggs, Sr. and Missionary Agnes Blount Suggs made her debut on November 29, 1920. Her dad celebrated her birth, for he had waited seven years for this miracle -- the birth of his first child. She was educated in the Greenville, North Carolina public schools. Following graduation in 1938, she married Deacon Arthur B. Lofton. and the two moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1941. Their loving marriage spanned fifty-seven years. From this union, six children were born: Celia, Shirlene, James Arthur, Alton Ray, Eric Wayne, and Agnes. For nearly the first two decades of marriage, she was a full-time mother and housewife. She was the very essence of a mother: loving and caring, meticulous as a homemaker, and an excellent cook. Every day she prepared a hot meal for both breakfast and dinner. Her belief that cleanliness was next to godliness was evident in her home and extended to maintaining a clean community. She involved each of her children in Baltimore's "Clean Block Campaign," which included washing their white marble steps daily. She also insisted that her children study and strive to attain their highest academic potential. She supported each of them in their many endeavors as they continuously excelled. She attended each child's graduation, irrespective of

the academic level, and their participation in community, school, and church activities. She was also a disciplinarian. Both Alberta and her husband believed if you spared the rod, you spoiled the child. However, as to punishment, it was the proverbial, "wait until Dad gets home."

When her grand and great grandchildren were born, she supported them in similar fashion. She graciously contributed to whatever was needed to ensure their success. Whenever, they visited her, she was ready to go out to eat or shop.

In 1954, she began working on a part-time basis for the Baltimore City Public School System but resigned when her youngest daughter, Agnes, became a widow, to care for Agnes' infant. Some years later she returned to work as a part-time caregiver for seniors and worked until arthritis set in at the age of eighty.

Prior to her retirement, she provided 27 years of compassionate and proficient care to the loved one of a prominent Baltimore family. This relationship evolved into a lasting friendship between the two families.

Alberta was a witty, smart, determined woman who took great pride in making her own decisions. After her husband died in 1994, she took her role as "head of the family very seriously:" she sold the family home, acquired new housing without assistance from her children, and drove herself up and down Liberty Road. She drove an eighteen year old car until her mechanic told her not to bring it back for repair. The insurance company had twice totaled the car but she insisted that the company give it back...and they did.

She carried a valid driver's license dated to expire in 2017 and lived independently until September 2015.

She was a strong woman of faith who gave her life to Christ at age nine. At that age she began a lifetime commitment of discipleship, serving in the United Holy Church of America, initially at Bell Chapel in

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 4. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Faith Hope Church  
1900 E. 30th Street  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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MAR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alberta Suggs-Lofton*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Celia*

*We are so sorry to learn of your mother's paasing. May the Lord turn your mourning into dancing. Celebrate the fact she is now in the presence of the Lord.*

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**Darrell and Brenda** - March 04, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ *Michelle D. Howard lit a candle in memory of Alberta Suggs-Lofton*



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**Michelle D. Howard** - March 02, 2016 at 05:59 PM

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“ *My condolences to all the family and friends of Ms. Alberta. My most recent funny memory of Ms. Alberta was this past Thanksgiving, after her surgery. She was on a restricted diet and the family was trying to restrain her from eating certain foods but she absolutely wanted some ham. Despite all efforts, while we were talking, she managed to keep sliding the plate of ham toward her until she was able to snag a slice. She was determined to have it and Shirleen and I had a good laugh about that. She was such a strong black woman and wonderful role model for her endurance, loving nature, and her faith. She will be greatly missed by many and my family. We all loved her instantly!*

*A mass remembrance will be submitted to St. Bernardine's from the family.*

*Joyce Graves*

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**Joyce Graves** - March 02, 2016 at 09:13 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 29, 2016 at 05:14 PM