



## Alfreda Iola Braxton Saddon

June 11, 1916 - June 6, 2013

### Celebration of a Legacy

Born June 11, 1916 in Newport News, VA, Alfreda (Freda) Iola Braxton Saddon the only child to Clarence Braxton and Maggie Gray Braxton. She was nurtured by her paternal grandparents, Edward and Mary Braxton and aunt, Lelia B. Keene in which all preceded her in death.

She was educated in the Newport News public school system. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1934. After completion of high school, she worked for several years in a doctor's office. Her desire was to become a Registered Nurse. She accepted the calling and enrolled in nursing school in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1947 she was certified as a registered nurse by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners.

Alfreda married Francis (Frank) P. Saddon, Sr. in 1939. After 48 years of marriage, he preceded her in death. From this union four children were born. Alfreda started her nursing career at the Medical College of Virginia at St. Philip Hospital in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. She loved working with babies and seeing the miracles of the Lord. As time moved on she became the head nurse of the department, where she served for 38 years.

At an early age she accepted Christ and would was baptized at First Baptist

Church in Newport News. In the 1960's she converted to Catholicism under Rev. Raymond Schantz of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. She was devoted to her faith and her church. She was a member of the Ladies Sodality, the Legion of Mary and the Catholic Daughters. She was also a member of Nurses and Friends Association, the St. John's Baptist Church Senior Group, the Salvation Army Boys and Girls club Senior Group and various Pinochle and Pokeno Social Clubs. She enjoyed traveling with her friends and spending time with their children and grandchildren. But nothing could separate her from her three favorite things playing bingo, eating chocolate candy and shopping for shoes and hats.

When Alfreda fell ill her family noticed a constant presence of cardinals flying around the house. On June 6, 2013 at 5:45 PM, two bright red cardinals flew over the house and escorted Alfreda Lola Braxton Saddon to their eternal home. She entrusted to her heavenly father three sons, Francis Patrick Saddon, Jr, Michael Braxton Saddon (Mary) all of Richmond Virginia, Alfred Sidney Saddon of Washington DC, one daughter, Mary Ann Saddon Jones (Robert) of North Chesterfield, Virginia. She leaves to cherish her memory for granddaughters, Marlita Steele of Los Angeles California, Michelle Foreman of Hanover Virginia, Angela Henderson of Clinton, Maryland and Kamillah S. Thurmon of Los Angeles California, six great-grandchildren and a host of cousins and four devoted friends Dorothy Gaines, Clara Mines, Arnelle Haywood, and Althea Jones.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

JUN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
3300 "R" Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alfreda Lola Braxton Saddon*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the scriptures at Revelation 21:4 "he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore"*

Ms. Howard - June 13, 2013 at 12:17 PM



“ *To the family of Mrs. Saddon:*

*I wanted to let you know that Mrs. Saddon will be missed by all that knew her. May the memories of her help to ease your pain of sorrow.*

*When Jesus was on the earth, he healed the sick & raised the dead. He will do this again on a larger scale during His Kingdom Rule. He promised that he will raise our dead loved ones at John 5:28 & 29.*

*I will keep your family in my thoughts & prayers.*

*Love,*

Mamie Boyd - June 10, 2013 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Mrs Emma Key*

*To the Family of the Late Mrs Alfreda Saddon  
You all have my deepest sympathy. You are  
all in my prayers and thoughts.*



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**Irene Barlow** - June 10, 2013 at 02:58 PM

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“ *Patrick*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please find  
comfort in your many, many memories and in knowing that you did  
all you could while she was here. I know you will miss her, but have  
faith that she is in a better place.*

*Calvin and Patricia J. Evans*

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**Patricia J. Evans** - June 10, 2013 at 12:43 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Ms. Alfreda lola Braxton Saddon.  
Just think if Adam and Eve would not have sinned they along with  
their offspring would have lived forever. Did their disobedience stop  
God from ever fulfilling his original purpose? John 3:16 answers that  
question. The Greatest display of Love ever shown paved the way  
for not only everlasting life but also the resurrection hope. John  
5:28,29.*

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**Peggy Land** - June 09, 2013 at 08:22 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family of Alfreda Saddon. Take comfort from God, who is the God of comfort. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort." -2Corinthians 1:3

*Prayer is one way for you to draw close to God - be aware that when we draw close to God he will draw close to us. The value of prayer is not to be underestimated.*

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**bd** - June 07, 2013 at 12:35 PM



“ 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** - June 07, 2013 at 12:22 PM