



## Bertha Lee Hill

July 4, 1933 - July 8, 2011

BERTHA LEE HILL, daughter of the late John Spicer and Sadie Brooks Spicer, was born on July 4, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. She suddenly departed this life on July 8, 2011.

She received her education in Baltimore City public schools and later met and married Milton Monroe Hill Sr. From this union there were two sons, Monroe Jr. and Duane, and one daughter, Jean. She was a devoted wife and a loving, caring and unselfish mother and grandmother who made numerous friends wherever she went. We all loved her dearly.

Bertha was a lifelong member of St. James' Episcopal Church. "Ma Bert" (as she was affectionately known) was a Mother and Florence Nightingale for the neighborhood children, giving them a nourishing breakfast, then walking them to St James' for 8:00 a.m. Mass and then marching them off to Sunday School afterwards. She often fed them after Sunday School, as well, "Ma Bert" tended to their colds and runny noses and gave them adequate clothing. She was a disciplinarian who nurtured the children with undying love children would after ask "Why"- her patience and kindness would render an answer to satisfy the youngest to the oldest.

Since 1988, "Ma Bert" stood as "Godmother" to more than 100 neighborhood children, and she took that positive very seriously. Mrs. Hill brought the

neighborhood to the church and was a beloved leader in both the community and church.

She leaves to mourn: her son, Monroe Jr. and daughter, Jean (son Duane preceded her in death); two granddaughters, Duvane and Rae'ven; great-grandson, Antonio; two brothers, Purnell Spicer and Steven Spicer (brothers Victor Spicer and Joseph Brooks preceded her in death); two sisters, Caletha Crawford and Priscilla Mickens (sisters Selena Anthony, Margurita Mealy, Faye Cooper and Barbara Love preceded her in death); two sisters-in-law, Mary Spicer and Irene Spicer; goddaughter, Kenbra, Charlotte, Raynette, Rayauna and many more goddaughters and godsons; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Mt. Zion**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

JUL 13. 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

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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### Wake

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
1020 W. Lafayette Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21217

## Service

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JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Lee Hill*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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** - July 12, 2011 at 11:21 AM