



## Bertha Ethel Preston

December 10, 1936 - January 29, 2014

Unexpectedly on January 29, 2014, BERTHA ETHEL PRESTON was called home. Bertha, lovingly known by her family and close friends as "Eartha Kitt", was born on December 10, 1936 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the second of four daughters born to the late William Henry and Ethel Sarah Preston. She received her early education in the Baltimore City Public School System. Mother Bertha served and loved the Lord gracefully. She enjoyed going to church while being a lifetime member of Tabernacle Church of Deliverance in Baltimore, Maryland. Bertha had that intelligence that could not be measured by grades, diploma, certificates, or degrees. With a mind that was able to recall events, places and names that occurred 1, 20, or even 60 years ago as if they had happened yesterday, she was the "grand historian and recorder" of the family. Equally important, her laughter, humor and quick thinking brought completeness to her family that will greatly be missed. For the past seven years, Bertha had resided at Almost Like Home located in Baltimore City. She always called it "My Happy Home." She was exceptionally happy being under the care of Ms. Denise Tillman, her provider, whom she often called "her partner." It was a true blessing that Bertha went about her day as usual, came home to her place where she was most comfortable and content, sat down to relax and took her last breath peacefully! She leaves to mourn: her devoted sisters, Doris and Margaret; one brother-in-law, Milton; four nephews, Allan, Quentin, Antonio, and Artis; and a host of dedicated family and friends. Her baby sister, Florann "Boobie"; two brother-in-laws, Big Artis and Walmond;

one niece, Elaine; and one nephew, James; preceded her in death.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 7. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

FEB 8. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

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FEB 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Ethel Preston*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello family & friends the other day as I was setting spending time reflecting. My Spirit was filled with enlightenment. Thinking of how the passing of aunt Bertha is not a loss. But another angle in our tribe to watch over us. As other in our tribe has over the years. I HONOR HER WITH A JOY FULL HEART!*

**Allan Bratton Sr.** - February 04, 2014 at 10:48 AM



*Angel....*

**Allan Bratton Sr.** - February 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM



*Yes I agree May God continue to strenghten your family from the Alford Family*

**Sis Rena** - February 06, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Aunt Burts Favorite thing to look forward to,Christmas .she would count the days .*

**Allyn Bratton** - February 04, 2014 at 04:21 AM

GF

“ WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. CONTINUE TO HOLD ONTO THE FOND MEMORIES OF BERTHA.  
MAY YOU FIND COMFORT TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE ASSURANCE IN THE FUTURE “GOD WILL WIPE AWAY TEARS AND DEATH” REV 21:4

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**Glenda and Family** - February 03, 2014 at 07:01 PM

CA

“ Sorry for the lost of your dear loved one, Ms Preston is no longer here with us, but Jesus promise at John 5:28, all those in the graves will hear his voice and come out. What a joy it will be to see her again.

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**carolyn** - February 01, 2014 at 02:39 PM

LF

“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

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**linn & family** - February 01, 2014 at 11:13 AM

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible gives us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

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**Peggy Land** - January 31, 2014 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ To the family,  
I am sorry for you loss. Death can be hard to cope with. May you draw comfort from Isaiah 25:8 where God promises to swallow up death forever. May the God of all comfort be with you in this time of need.

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**JB** - January 31, 2014 at 07:49 AM

MW

“ I am saddened to learn of the loss of your dear Bertha. This is not what Our Heavenly Father purposed for her, nor any of mankind. As a matter of fact, God HATES death, calling it an "enemy", an enemy that He is going to eradicate once and for all (1 Corinthians 15:26). There is going to be a Resurrection of those we've lost to that enemy. Where is the proof?? It's in Gods' Word The Bible. There we see Our Wonderful Creator had the accounts of eight actual persons brought back to life, this verified by many who observed these and soundly documented for us to examine for ourselves. The future resurrection will be to a cleansed paradise Earth, where health is perfect and Eternal life prevails (Psalms 37:9-11,29 and Isaiah 33:24). What a wonderful joy that is going to be! To hear Resurrection announcements, instead of reading obituary notices! Please, hold on to this wonderful, reliable hope for Bertha, knowing Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) always keeps His promises (Titus 1:2). My sincere condolences, Mrs. D. Ward in Michigan @ delaine ward2020@gmail.com

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**Mrs. D. Ward** - January 31, 2014 at 02:35 AM

SH

“ To the family of Mrs Preston,

*Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength in that hope in the days ahead.*

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**Sharon Hill** - January 30, 2014 at 05:57 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** - January 30, 2014 at 11:25 AM