



## Bessie Shirley Braxton

September 4, 1938 - January 22, 2020

### Reflections of Life

Bessie S. Braxton went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, January 22, 2020. She was one of seven children, born September 6, 1938 to Gladys Tarrer of Ashland, VA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin (Leroy) Braxton; mother, Gladys Tarrer; sisters, Mary Tarrer, Janet Peterson and brother, Hubert Tarrer Sr. She attended John M. Gandy High School in Ashland, VA. She was a member of Brown Grove Baptist Church in Ashland, VA for many years.

Bessie always provided support and love for her family. She was lovingly known by her grandchildren as "Nanny". She loved vacationing with her family and hosted many family gathering at her home and she always welcomed neighborhood friends.

Cherishing her memory are her daughters, Cynthia Jenkins, Carol Banks (Dwight), Leisa Liverpool, Michelle Braxton; grandchildren, Whitney Harris (Byron), Rashad Jenkins, Nia and Nile Liverpool, Latesha, Ishmael, and Khidr Banks; great-grandchild, Teshawn Banks; sisters, Edith Trent, Sophie Moses (Alvin); brother, Charles Tarrer; sister-in-law, Margaret Tarrer; brother-in-law, Richard Braxton (Hazel); devoted nephew, Robert Tarrer (Vanessa) and a host of other relatives and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road  
Hanover, VA 23069

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Family Hour

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Shirley Braxton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Michelle and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Ms. Bessie will truly be missed. May the Lord bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.*

*Fawn Nicholas Dendy and family*

**Fawn Nicholas Dendy** - January 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Charles Tarrer: Please accept my deepest condolences. God bless you and all of the family.*



**Eddie Winston, Jr.** - January 26, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Michelle, keeping you and your family in my prayers. May God give you all strength and comfort during your time of sorrow*

**Detral Bolden** - January 25, 2020 at 10:46 PM

DE

“ *Debbie Shelton Edwards lit a candle on behalf of Roy, Bessie and the entire Shelton Family. Praying God’s Grace and sending condolences.*



---

**Debbie Shelton Edwards** - January 25, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DD

*Michelle and Family*

*On behalf of the Smith-Drake family, our precious love and deepest sympathy is now extended to you and your family as we just celebrated our mom and grandmother home going celebration. I am reminded and comforted just knowing they are safely in the arms of our loving Father and our memories will sustain us But GOD will give us the strength and comfort and the peace we need.*

*Love and Blessings Always  
Diane Smith Drake & Family*

---

**Diane Smith Drake** - January 26, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bessie Shirley Braxton.*



---

January 25, 2020 at 03:28 PM

EC

“ *Elmira Clarke lit a candle in memory of Bessie Shirley Braxton*



---

**Elmira Clarke** - January 25, 2020 at 01:36 PM

LF

“ *Lisa Watkins And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Bessie Shirley Braxton*



---

**Lisa Watkins and Family** - January 24, 2020 at 04:45 PM

RW

“ *Dear Michelle:  
My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. Praying God's peace, comfort, and strength for your family.*



---

**Rochelle Winston** - January 24, 2020 at 02:02 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Shelton lit a candle in memory of Bessie Shirley Braxton*



---

**Sandy Shelton** - January 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CM

“ *Connie Morris lit a candle in memory of Bessie Shirley Braxton*



---

**Connie Morris** - January 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CM

“ *Carmelia A. Minor lit a candle in memory of Bessie Shirley Braxton*



---

**Carmelia A. Minor** - January 24, 2020 at 11:04 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.*

---

**March Funeral Homes** - January 23, 2020 at 05:06 PM