



Bessie Crutchfield

February 28, 1922 - August 14, 2020

Bessie May Crutchfield, the 2nd child of 11 was born to the late John and Laura Page in Rockfish, Virginia. John and Laura also raised a niece as their own when her mother passed during childbirth.

On Friday August, the 14th 2020 Bessie transitioned from her home of 65 years to her eternal home with the Lord.

She was baptized at a young age in Rockfish, Va. at Locus Grove Baptist Church where she also completed her education and graduated Valedictorian. Upon completion of school, during World War II she left Virginia to work in Philadelphia's postal service, as well as a third-generation domestic engineer for a prominent Philadelphia family. Leaving Philadelphia, she made her way to Baltimore in 1949. Soon after her arrival she was briefly employed as a caretaker for the elderly. She joined Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Matthew Wilkerson, briefly serving on the usher board. As a member of Zion, she met Harold Crutchfield. They were later married on March 26, 1950. Their union was blessed with five daughters.

With a large family of their own, Bessie and Harold welcomed numerous family members, usually moving from the South to live with them until they were fully prepared to embark on their new careers and education. She was a babysitter for family and friends for many years. She was an excellent cook,

and hostess for many holiday meals and special occasions. Later the baton was passed on to her daughters and the family tradition continued. Along with her many attributes she was the family confidant. She was the listening ear for family and friends for years. When they wanted to divulge their innermost secrets and problems, they knew they could always rely on her discretion and trust. She was never judgmental regardless of their situation. She was a gentle and loving soul, generous to a fault. Her love for her family was beyond reproach. She was so many things to so many people!

Once all of her daughters were in school, she returned to work, and was employed at Johns Hopkins Hospital for 17 years. She was twice awarded the Baker King Award for excellent patient care. After retirement she provided in home care to her elderly aunt 1990 to 1993. Soon after the death of her aunt she learned her beloved husband was also ill. For two years she stayed by his side, reading to him daily from his favorite book, the Holy Bible, until the Lord took him home in 1995.

As her physical health began to fail, her mind remained alert and she was always willing and able to share childhood stories and memories. Her stellar health is accredited to her faith in God, the love for her family, the goodness of her heart, and good home cooking!

She was preceded in death by her second daughter, Patricia Crutchfield-Owens and grandson, Devin Crutchfield. She leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Jarniece Washington, Karin Crutchfield, Laurita Hooper, and Marsha McCormick, all of Baltimore MD; one brother, Alfred Page of Baltimore, and one sister, Emma Smith of Delaware, one brother-in-law, George Smith; three sisters-in-law, Mary Crutchfield of North Carolina, Letitia Dillon Page of Baltimore, and Eva Page of Virginia; eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. In addition, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and special extended

family members Claudia and Erynn Lewis; along with a host of others that referred to her as “Grandma.”

She will be greatly missed by many but accepted in heaven by many more!

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21213

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Bessie Crutchfield, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - August 24, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Bessie Crutchfield*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Crutchfield. My memories of her are that of a sweet and kind person just like her daughters. I pray that the good Lord will comfort and strengthen you all and draw you closer to Him and to one another.*

Linda Luallen - August 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *May the God of love, mercy & peace surround your Family during this time of transition. Praying that your broken hearts be mended daily. REMEMBER that absence from the body means presently with the Lord. Love you all Pastor Queda Carver Day, New Life Church, Roxboro NC . 🙏❤️*

Pastor Queda Carver Day - August 25, 2020 at 11:38 AM

KE

“ Prayers to each of you during this time. I know Ms. Bessie's legacy lives on in each if you.

I will always remember her beautiful smile and loving hospitality and sleepovers with Karin & Ali in the basement on Wolfe Street. I'm blessed and happy to have been able to meet her. Those memories will live on forever ❤️

Keonya - August 25, 2020 at 10:57 AM

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“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us.

Jarniece, Karin, Rita, Marsha and family - May God grant you the peace you need during this most difficult time.

R.I.P Mrs. Crutchfield, I've always carried a special place in my heart for you and always will!

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Donna (McCoy) Young*

Donna Young - August 25, 2020 at 05:37 AM

OH

“ *Life may be brief and fragile..
But know that love is strong..
Love endures.*

So sad and so sorry for your loss.

*We will always hold fond memories of how Mrs Crutchfield opened
her home to her daughter's friends.*

Linda Brown-Jenkins and Ometriss (Mimi) Hubbard

Ometriss Hubbard - August 24, 2020 at 09:32 AM

LF

“ *Love Aunt Eva and Family purchased the Basket
Full of Wishes for the family of Bessie Crutchfield.*



Love Aunt Eva and Family - August 21, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Bessie Crutchfield.*



August 20, 2020 at 08:22 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.

March Funeral Homes - August 20, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DJ

*Our condolences to the family of Mrs. Bessie Crutchfield.
Donald & Veronica Jones*

Donald Jones - August 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

BY

What a wonderful Christian witness, and so was Deacon. I remember them as a child growing up. I extend our deepest sympathy on behalf of the Logan, and Farmer families. Berneda and Pastor David Young.

Berneda Young - August 24, 2020 at 11:30 PM