



Bessie Mae Johnson

April 6, 1940 - May 19, 2025

Bessie Mae Johnson was born on April 06, 1940 in Pender County, North Carolina to the late John Clarence and Pearl Darlene (Lewis) McDuffie. She departed this life on May 19, 2025, at home surrounded by family.

Bessie attended School in the Pender County School district in North Carolina where she also graduated and received her high school diploma.

Bessie moved to Baltimore where she worked at Hedwin Plastic Corporation for many years until retirement. She enjoyed working at Hedwin where she received several awards for her good work ethic and punctuality.

Bessie married her former husband Joseph Whiten, with whom she had three children Linda, Deborah and Shirley. She later was remarried to her late husband Eddie Johnson who preceded her in death.

Bessie affectionately known as "Gran Gran" loved the Lord and happily served at Evangelical Baptist Church in Baltimore City. She spent a lot of her time ministering and giving back to her church and community. Gran Gran also enjoyed reading, gardening and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gran Gran loved greeting her grand and great-grandchildren with the question, who loves you Baby? We would reply "Gran Gran!" then she would reply "Alright!"

Bessie is preceded in death by her former husband, Joseph Whiten; late husband, Eddie Johnson; father, John McDuffie; mother, Pearl McDuffie; three brothers, Charles Lewis, Clarence McDuffie and John Earl McDuffie; and great-grandchild Amiri Whiten.

Bessie leaves to cherish her memory: three sisters, Jannie Polk, Alice Devone, and Lillie McDuffie; six Brothers, James (Mary) McDuffie, Edward (Pearl) McDuffie, Willie (Dorothy) McDuffie, Jimmie (Ida) McDuffie, Aaron (Virginia) McDuffie, and Arthur (Catherine) McDuffie; three daughters, Linda Whiten, Deborah Whiten, and Shirley Whiten; six grandchildren, Christine, Latia, Ashley, Crystal, Tairekay, and Victoria; seven great-grandchildren, Taitiana, Ayo, Braylon, Akirra, Hazel, Aries and Cyaire and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

JUN 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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funeral

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My love and prayers to my cousins Linda, Debbie, Shirley, Christine, and my father & his siblings. Auntie fought a good fight. To be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Greater is her reward. I have so many fond memories of auntie through out my life from visiting in MD and her visiting her hometown, I will always cherish. Love you family. ❤️ Beck Mc*

Beck Mc - May 27, 2025 at 01:56 AM

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“ *Beck Mc lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Johnson*



Beck Mc - May 27, 2025 at 01:55 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 - May 21, 2025 at 10:12 AM