



Bessie Mae Smith

July 11, 1944 - November 14, 2021

Bessie Mae Smith was born on July 11, 1944, in Kenbridge, Virginia to James and Janie Bell.

She was educated in the Kenbridge County Public School System. Bessie accepted Christ at a very early age at the family church, Blackwell Temple AME. She would often attend Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to receive her spiritual blessings, which she loved doing. Every aspect of Bessie's life was grounded in her deep faith and service to God. A lady of integrity. Her leadership was guided by her values.

Bessie formally was employed by Aramark as a Food Service Workers. She later retired after 25 years of dedicated service.

In her leisure, she enjoyed doing Seek & Find books and listening to music. Bessie was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. To know her was to love her. She enjoyed family gathers and spending time with her children. She especially loved her time with her sisters and going to the Casinos. She was always there for her children and mothered them with love and discipline. She was feisty and enjoyed her life to the fullest.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Janie and James; eight siblings Freddie Wallace, Nancy Wallace, Alberta Lee, Johnnie Wallace, Esther

Wallace, James Bell, Jr., Barbara McLauren, and Roosevelt Bell; and a son-in-law, Ernest L. Jones. On November 14, 2021, at Manor Care of Richmond she departed peacefully surrounded by her family to be with her loved ones that have gone before her.

Bessie leaves to carry on her legacy of faith and cherish her memory: daughter, Kimberly Jones; two sons, Terry (Donna) Bell and Donald Morris; grandchildren, Tanisha Bell, Taylor (Ty'kee) Patrick, Terry Bell, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Titan, Troi and Taylani Patrick; brother-in-law, Henry McLauren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Today we are sad because we will not see her in the physical life. But she will forever remain in all our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

NOV 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



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



March Funeral Homes - November 23, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Bessie Mae Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *thelma blackwell and family*



thelmajblackwell j Blackwell - November 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Thanks so much for sharing your Light your smile your laughter and kindness with so many. Rest with Our FATHER.*

Harold Blackwell - November 18, 2021 at 08:33 PM

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“ *THE WORLDS BEST GODMOTHER LIFE CAN BE FUNNY PEOPLE COME AND GO BUT SOME LAST THE DISTANCE AND WATCH AS YOU GROW. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO CAPTURE YOUR HEART AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'VE LEFT YOUR MARK. YOU'RE ONE IN A MILLION & A DIAMOND THROUGH AND THROUGH YOU'RE THE WORLD BEST GODMOTHER THANKS FOR BEING YOU!*

WITH LOVE FROM TRACY BLACKWELL AND FAMILY.

YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Tracy Blackwell - November 17, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ *Tracy Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Smith*



Tracy Blackwell - November 17, 2021 at 01:16 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 - November 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM