



Bessie Suggs Wooten

October 9, 1926 - July 4, 2011

Bessie S. Wooten, 84, was born in Snow Hill, North Carolina to the late Clinton Joseph and Cora Ada Suggs. She was the 5th of 15 children. She was preceded in death by one brother, five sisters and her husband, Herman Lee Wooten.

After the death of their mother and the marriage of the eldest sister, Bessie and sister Nia Mae took on the roll of caring for the family. Bessie diligently and meticulously cared for her younger siblings, often sacrificing her own wants and needs for her brothers and sisters. It was important to her that they continued in school and received their education.

In 1952, she relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where she held various jobs, but was always willing to assist her family whenever they needed her.

On December 8, 1958, she was baptized in Jesus' name at the New Covenant Apostolic Church, formerly known as the Sabbath Apostolic Church, under the leadership of Mother Sue Edwards. She was filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost the very night she was baptized.

Missionary Bessie was a dedicated church member and took her salvation seriously. Fueled by a love for singing in the mid-1960's, she joined the church choir. She lead many songs such as "The Harvest Is Great", "Holding On To

My Faith”, “Pay Day Is Coming After While”, “Hold On”, “God Is All”, etc.

Ordained a Missionary by Mother Sue, Missionary Bessie was later appointed the Chair of the Missionary Board under Bishop Willie Suggs’ administration. She organized projects such as “Queen for a Day” and assisted on various other fundraisers. She also chaired the Baptism Committee as well as directed the Missionary Choir. She was committed to overseeing the preparation of communion services.

Her hands never fell idle. Whenever she saw work to be done, she did it. She diligently worked the church’s flower planters to beautify the church.

She was a firm believer in being and doing right. She loved God, the church and her family. Missionary Bessie would give her last for anyone who was in need. God blessed her with a spirit of benevolence. She genuinely loved and cared for the Saints. Many times she opened the doors of her home to saints, family and friends in need.

Missionary Bessie leaves to cherish her memories 3 brothers, Bishop Willie G. Suggs (Ellen) of Richmond, VA; Elder Vernell Harper (Vernelle) of Clarksville, VA and Elder Barry Suggs Sr. (Lydia); 4 sisters; Missionary Selma Nails of Richmond, VA, Rosa Lei Night, Ester B. Jones (Leroy), Grace Oliver all of Raleigh, NC and Ida Sutton of Moorehead City, NC. Even though there were no children from her marriage, God, in his infinite love and wisdom knew her heart’s desire. God blessed her with “her children”, Calvin & Edna Allen, Elder Sandy & Rosetta Carrington and Barry & Tammie Jones. She was even granted her own little grandchildren, Cedric and Terrell Jones, whom she adored. There are also many nieces, nephews, church family, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Apostolic Church
2129 Ford Ave.
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Suggs Wooten*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *May you know now that you were always loved by your family. I appreciate all you have done in raising my dad and your tireless support of your family. May you rest in eternal peace in the presence of the Lord. Aunt Bessie, you cannot rearrange heaven so just sit down and smile....lol ... I love you dearly, your niece, Veda*

Veda Shirl Suggs - July 06, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Bessie. May the precious memories you shared with her over the years help to heal your hearts and lift your spirits. Please keep this wonderful scripture in mind as you face the sad moments her death has created. Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. HE who exercisis faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." John 11:25. May precious memories help you to keep on enduring and comfort you in the days to come.*

Rita Johnson - July 05, 2011 at 11:35 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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