



Bettie Mae Pope

October 2, 1942 - September 15, 2019

Bettie was born to the late Gladys M. and Tarlton T. Hortman on October 2, 1942.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Thomas W. Pope, Sr., her sister, Peggy Lewis and brothers, Edward Hartman and Alfred Goode.

Bettie attended Richmond City Public Schools and graduated from Moggie L. Walker High School.

Bettie was a talented designer, seamstress and decorator. She has designed and sewn casual outfits, wedding gowns, debutante ball gowns, choir robes, suits, draperies and other items for many people around the Richmond area. She designed most outfits that she wore herself and was known for being a fashion "Diva". Her creative talents in decorating could take any decor from ordinary to extraordinary.

Bettie was also a gifted songstress, having been a member of the Koprals, that sang around the Richmond area. Later, Bettie was the Directress of the Gospel Spiritualettes and The Voices of Hope Choir. Bettie also enjoyed many years singing with The Passion Choir and traveled with them across Virginia presenting the play, The Passion. Most recent, Bettie was a member of the S.H. Thompson Memorial Choir of St. Peter Baptist Church.

Bettie loved entertaining and being around her family and friends. She was known for sharing many recipes of love with others, including her chicken and dumplings, ice cream cakes, sweet potato pies, chocolate cakes, apple cobblers, 7-Up pound cakes, smothered chicken, spaghetti, pot roast, seafood salad, macaroni and cheese, corn pudding and many others.

Bettie worked for Freeman and Marks. She later became employed by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals (formerly A.H. Robins), where she later retired.

Bettie was baptized at a young age and attended Sixth Mt. Zion in her early years. She later joined Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church where she served on several ministries, including the Deaconess Ministry. Bettie joined St. Peter Baptist Church where in addition to serving on the choir, she also served as a Yokefellow.

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Anna, three grandchildren, Kourtney, Thomas III, and Jordan, sisters, Sandra Peebles (Wille), Lillie Greenlee (Roy), Michelle White (James), brothers, Tarlton (Jane), Anthony Goode, many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

SEP 21. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

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SEP 22. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

SEP 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Baptist Church
2040 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Tribute Wall



“ *Bettie Mae Pope*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Pope Family I worked with Mrs.Pope at Whitehall- Robins she was a delightful easy going person kept me laughing sharing songs that her choir members were rehearsing it was a Blessing to have known her and I know she's with the Lord because she believed in Lord . I pray the peace of Christ upon you.
Deepest Sympathy, Rhonda Holmes*



Rhonda Holmes - September 20, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Going back,we were the best choir and Bettie was the best choir director,it was a joy to have seen her on Saturday ,and hear of her passing on Sunday,i was heart broken,making plans to get together.To the family you have my deepest condolences,she loved you all,my prayers are with each and everyone of you.*

Janice Baptist - September 17, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family of Bettie Mae Pope at this time; and may our God of Refuge and Strength, comfort you.*

Lavita James - September 17, 2019 at 11:46 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 - September 17, 2019 at 11:33 AM

BC

Please except my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Bettie Pope was a awesome choir director at Greater Mt.Moriah Baptist Church. We sung on the second Sundays and the church was always packed. It was truly a delight singing with her and I'm glad I got to know and spend time with her..She ran the race and finished the fight now she is resting with the Lord

Brenda Clark - September 21, 2019 at 10:37 AM

LJ

My heart goes out to you at this time. I remember Mrs. Pope singing and directing the choir at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. She was talented and gifted with a beautiful voice. May God comfort you during your time of loss.

Rev. Linda C. Jenkins

Linda C. Jenkins - September 22, 2019 at 12:05 AM