



Blanche Barcroft Washington

October 14, 1931 - April 21, 2018

Blanche Amanda Barcroft Washington was born on October 14, 1931 in Richmond, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Augustus Marcellus Barcroft and Dorothy Lewis Barcroft. She departed this life on Saturday April 21, 2018 at Memorial Regional Hospital.

At an early age Blanche accepted Jesus Christ into her life and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church. She was a dedicated member attending and participating in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, singing in the Youth Choir and also was a Girl Scout at Ebenezer Baptist Church for many years. Other activities she enjoyed as a child were attending dancing school and taking piano lessons. As Blanche grew into adulthood, her loyalty and dedication was displayed through her leadership ability as a Vacation Bible School teacher and a Girl Scout Leader. Also, she sang in the Women's Choir, Mass Choir, played in the Handbell Choir and occasionally played the piano and organ for various programs.

Blanche was educated in Richmond Public Schools graduating from Armstrong High School in 1948, where she met her high school sweetheart Linwood. Continuing her education at Virginia State College Petersburg, Virginia graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1952.

Blanche began her professional career as an educator in Chesterfield County school system at Kingston Elementary School for three years and in Richmond Public school system at Fairfield Court Elementary School for 33 years retiring in June 1988.

On January 31, 1953, Blanche married the love of her life, Linwood Merlin Washington and was joined in holy matrimony at Ebenezer Baptist Church. From this union three daughters were born Linda Marlene, Barbara Ann and Diane Yvette. Blanche and Linwood were married for 33 years. Blanche was a member of various organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Richmond Alumni Chapter (Golden Life Member), The Delta Pearls (choir), The Dilettantes (social club), Mr. and Mrs. Club (neighborhood social club), Armstrong High School Reunion committee and one of the founders of the Golden Girls (retired teachers at Fairfield Court School).

Blanche was a family person and looked forward to and loved every celebration. She enjoyed spending time with her girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (she was fondly known as Ma, Grandma and G-Ma). She loved planting flowers and watching them grow. She loved her students and taught piano lessons to many of them at school and at her home. Her hobbies were singing, playing the piano, cooking, traveling, and playing cards, watching movies but mostly spending time with family and friends.

Blanche was predeceased by two brothers, William and Augustus M. Barcroft Jr.; her husband, Linwood Merlin Washington; her daughter, Lieutenant Colonel Linda Marlene Washington. Blanche loved her family. Left to cherish her precious memories are her devoted daughters, Barbara W. Battle and Diane W. Mason (Julius); one grandson, Julius L. Mason Jr. (Stefonia); two granddaughters, Danielle M. Mason and Chanel N. Battle; five great grandchildren, Ariyonna and Amayah Saeed, Juliet, Izabel and Boston Mason; niece, Cynthia W. Jeffries; five nephews, Gerard (deceased) and Glenn

Anthony Barcroft, Charles J. Washington, Theodore Spurlock and Michael Washington; devoted niece, Nita D. Barcroft; three cousins, Frances B. Dalton, Gloria M. Caldwell and Charlene M. Hamlin; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy D. Washington, Nancy Washington and Tracey Washington; devoted friends, Mary L. Morton and Vivian J. Johnson. Blanche will also be missed greatly by a host of other relatives and friends who loved her dearly.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

viewing

APR 26. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

APR 26. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
216 W. Leigh Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Barcroft Washington*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Blanche Barcroft Washington.*



April 26, 2018 at 01:50 PM



Cora Johnson

“ *My heart is broken.307 will never be the same.To the family thank you for letting me get know Mrs Washington,what a sweet and caring person she was.To Mrs Washington thank you for the many happy moments you gave me.I know you are at peace and in heaven watching over us.*

Cora Johnson - April 25, 2018 at 09:30 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 - April 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM