



## Blondinia Cockrell

August 26, 1934 - December 6, 2018

Mrs. Blondinia Cockrell, daughter of the late John and Abbie Speaks Puryear was born on August 26, 1934 in Brodnax, Virginia. She entered into her eternal rest on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Season's Hospice at Medstar Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Cockrell attended primary school and James Solomon Russell High School in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Her academic achievements include a Teaching Certificate and Advance Teacher's Training Certificate from the Baltimore School of the Bible. She graduated from Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows.

She moved to Baltimore to live with her sister, and she became employed at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 1954 Blondinia met and married George Cockrell in Baltimore. From this union three children were born, George Jr., Abbie and Paul. She was a stay at home Mom until her children went to school. Rev. and Mrs. Cockrell also raised three foster children: Ruby, Anita, and Connie. She became employed at the Baltimore County Public Library until she retired. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved helping people and often shared her home with those in need. First Lady Cockrell was an excellent cook and baker which she shared with the church, family and friends. She was well known for homemade cakes and her specialty was lemon cake. Mrs. Cockrell also had a green thumb. She loved plants and manicuring her yard. Along with her husband and family, they hosted the Fourth of July in Baltimore and Homecoming in Brodnax. First

Lady Blondinia Cockrell made numerous friends where she went and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her. She was always a true and devoted friend.

Blondinia accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She belonged and attended the Episcopal Church in Broadnax, Virginia. The Cockrells joined Emmanuel Baptist Church in Overlea where they remained until 1976 when Rev. Cockrell founded the Old Landmark Baptist Church with the physical and spiritual support of his beloved wife Blondinia, a servant of the Lord. Sister Cockrell enjoyed teaching and directing the outreach programs for youth. She went on the missionary field with her husband, both domestic and foreign. She was an active member of the Gold Leaf Club and Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She remained a member of Old Landmark until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. George M. Cockrell, Sr. and son Paul James Cockrell, seven siblings: Coralee George Puryear, Marie Johnson, Nannie B. Jones. she leaves to mourn one son Geroge Matthew Cockrell, Jr (Anita); one daughter, Abbie Cockrell Mays; mtwo grandchildren: Blondinia J.F. Mays and Willis Mays (Bianca); and a great-grandson, Dante Jeremiah Belcher and one great-granddaughter, Alexandria Mays. Sister Cockrell is also survived by one sister and brother-in-law: Maudeand George Crutchfield; her sisters-in-laws, Octavia Gentry, Beatrice Connolly, Elnora Moody, Ann Cockrell, and Annie Cockrell as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

DEC **19**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Service

DEC **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Wake

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blondinia Cockrell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Will, Brenda & Candice Crutchfield purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Blondinia Cockrell.*



**Will, Brenda & Candice Crutchfield** - December 17, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ *Ray & Zula Crutchfield purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Blondinia Cockrell.*



**Ray & Zula Crutchfield** - December 16, 2018 at 12:47 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** - December 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM