



Erma Elaine Bailey

August 26, 1945 - October 27, 2008

ERMA BAILEY, daughter of the late Kenneth M. Lonesome and Thelma Bailey, was born on August 26, 1945 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed life on October 27, 2008. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1963. Later in life she became employed at Johns Hopkins University as an Administrative Secretary. When Erma wasn't working, she could be found pursuing her true passion for shopping and decorating. If ever a neighbor was confused about which holiday was coming, all one had to do was check for the new decorations Ms. Erma was putting up. A laid-back peacemaker, is what those of us who knew her best would describe her as. I would even go as far as to say that she was the glue that held our family together. Though she wasn't one for signifying in other people's business, if you came to her with a problem, be it family, friend, or neighbor, you better know she helped you solve your problem. Anyone who had the privilege of personally getting to know her quickly learned that she was one of the few people who genuinely enjoyed the simple things in life, be it reading a good book, admiring the deep green of new plants in spring or just listening to good old Smokey Robinson on the radio. This was enough for her, a full satisfying life did she lead. I understand that she has gone Home to be with her Lord, and that heaven has gained another angel. But I must admit, we are truly going to be lost without her. She leaves to mourn: two sons, Brian and Jonathan Bailey; daughter-in-law, LaShawn Bailey; two sisters, Karen Griffin and Grace Lonesome; three brothers, Kenneth, Earl and Paul Lonesome; sister-in-law, Marie Lonesome;

brother-in-law, Peter Griffin; three nieces, Kenya, Leia and Harmoni Lonesome; seven nephews, Dominic, Gregory and Peter Griffin, Mark, Kenneth, Devan and Christopher Lonesome; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ This brings back a flood of memories. I appreciate them more finding this. In my heart of hearts she remains with me. Her overprotectivness kept me with grace so I thank Allah for choosing this example for me. She once said she loved me more than life itself and I've learned more from her passing than I can ever imagine by faith. I don't regret my life today from her as my mother it keeps me looking forward and never worrying of tomorrow. Thanks to all for their condolences and to my brother she left a legacy we are obligated to strengthen. ###Jonathan David Bailey



Jonathan Bailey - September 21, 2023 at 03:05 AM



“ Erma Elaine Bailey

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Brian Bailey lit a candle in memory of Erma Elaine Bailey



Brian Bailey - September 15, 2011 at 07:20 PM



I just want to thank everyone that has posted on my mom's tribute wall for their kind words & prayers. I am grateful to know my mom's smile and spirit has left an indelible impression on family & friends. Not a day goes by that I don't miss my mom. I couldn't ask for more of a mother. Mom gave her very best to give my brother and I a fighting chance in this world and that is one memory of mom that will be with me forever. Mom was and will always be my hero.

*Erma's Son
Brian*

Brian Bailey - September 15, 2011 at 08:16 PM



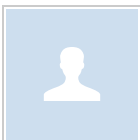
“ A joy to know her! Always quick with a smile for me even though we did not work close together! I look forward to seeing her in heaven! My prayers are with the family and loved ones left behind. May God hold you close during this time.##imported-begin##Martha DeCarlo##imported-end##

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“ Erma was one of my best friends,I already miss her. My prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##dorothea##imported-end##

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“ To Brian my heart goes out to you. I pray that GOD will give you peace that surpasses all of your understanding. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Dannielle P##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with Aunt Thelma and my cousins today. Jim, Kim, Michele and I send our sincere sympathy to you at this sad time. May the remembrance of Elaine's smile and your many family memories help to uplift you. Love Always, Sandy Lonesome Manuel###imported-begin##Sandy###imported-end##

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“ Heartfelt sympathy to the family. I have missed our daily talks at work since she's been gone. Rest in peace Erm. Nancy###imported-begin##Nancy###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible lovingly assures us that our "last enemy death" will be "destroyed"- First Corinthians 15:26 also Acts 24:15 declares- "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength from family, friends and the many loving promises found in the Bible.###imported-begin##Sharon Hill###imported-end##

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“ We did not work closely together but Erma was a joy whenever I saw her. May the family always remember and strive to carry on her legacy. Peace to all of you.###imported-begin##Romila###imported-end##

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“ *May God's Peace surpass the void of the broken family circle. Know that others care of the untimely demise of Erma's departure. Her transformation is earth's loss, but heaven's gain. The life that Erma lived speaks volumes of from whence she came. Be comforted to believe that she has returned from whence she came. My fondest remembrance of Erma is when she rode the bus after a full day's work to come to a meeting on Federal Street and Greenmount Avenue to help the Benjamin Banneker Elementary P.S. #113 Alumni prevent Baltimore City administrators from ordering the demolition of the historical portion of the school that was built in 1898. Farewell to a friend in deed!###imported-begin###Lizzie###imported-end##*

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“ *To The Family, I want to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. I also want to share the comfort of John 5:28,29 where we are promised that those who have fallen asleep in death have the hope of receiving a "resurrection" back to life. Life on an earth restored to a beautiful paradise. Psalms 37:11 says, "The meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace." While we await that wonderful time please find comfort in these promises.###imported-begin###Mrs. Jordan###imported-end##*

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“ To the Family and Friends of Ms. Bailey: Though I did not know Ms Bailey personally just reading the type of person she was makes me feel as if I have known her all my life. She was a beautiful person both physical and spiritually. She reminds me of my Grandmother. I wanted to just express my condolences to you. It is such a nice thought the Jesus said we can see our love ones again at John 5:28,29. Jehovah reminds us that our love ones are not suffering just sleeping. At Ecclesiastes 9:5 He states "The dead are conscious of nothing at all.." However, just like we wake up Ms Bailey will once again wake up to see and hold her loves ones once more. What a wonderful thought! Always keep that hope alive in your hearts. Take Care of yourselves. My heart is with you.##imported-begin##Crystal##imported-end##

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“ Erma and I started about the same time at Johns Hopkins. We shared an office suite for nearly 5 years. She was always a pleasure to work with and she took her job seriously, but always took the opportunity to speak highly of her sons and family. I regret that I didn't keep in better touch with her in the last years, but when I did infrequently see her, she always had a ready smile and we'd have such a time catching up. The world is a lesser place without her here, but heaven is certainly better with her presence.##imported-begin##Frederick Luthardt##imported-end##

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“ I send my deepest condolences to the Bailey family for the loss of such a wonderful woman. Although I didn't know her personally, I can see by all the comments and her beautiful smile what kind of person she was. I can imagine how much this is hurting you all, and how much you must miss her presence. One day God promises that we will see them again. He has a purpose to bring the dead back to life, and through his son Jesus, all who are in the memorial tombs will rise again. John 5:28,29. May that scripture bring you much comfort as well as your precious memories. I would like to share with you more comforting information concerning God's wonderful purpose, so if you are interested please contact me at my email address.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I would like to express my sympathy to Ms. Bailey's family and friends. The loss of one so dear can be painful and difficult to bear; that is why the Bible calls death an "enemy." But God promises to do away with that enemy and all the pain it causes according to 1 Corinthians 15:26 and Revelation 21:4. I hope this message comforts your heart.##imported-begin##Valerie Johnson##imported-end##

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