



## Ethel Porterfield

April 3, 1930 - January 10, 2014

ETHEL CLAY PORTERFIELD was born to the late Lizzie and Samuel Glover on April 3, 1930 in Swansea, Calhoun County, South Carolina. "Clay" as she was affectionately called by her family, was the first child of this union. Ethel, "Clay," accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior as a young child in South Carolina. She was baptized and was a fervent member of Mt Moriah Baptist Church in South Carolina. She was educated in the public schools of Swansea, South Carolina. Ethel continued her educational endeavors in Baltimore, Maryland. As an adolescent, Ethel Clay met the love of her life, Willie O'neal Porterfield. They married on March 1, 1947 while Willie was a soldier in the United States Army. While still in South Carolina, their first daughter, Dorothy (nicknamed "sister") was born. Soon after, in 1948, Ethel and Willie moved to Baltimore, Maryland where five other children were born, Rosa Marie, Morris O'neal, Loretta, Vanessa Ann and Marcelus. Ethel always enjoyed working with people. She was the "original people-person". She never met a person she couldn't get along with. In 1955, Ethel began her nursing career at Spring Grove State Hospital, where she worked for 43 years. Upon retirement, she continued to work at Dulaney Station for approximately 5 years. Ethel and the family moved to 3109 Hanlon Ave. in December 1955. For the next 58 years, Hanlon Avenue was the meeting and eating place of anyone who stepped across Ethel's threshold. Ethel loved to cook and feed people. She also enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and her favorite past-time, SHOPPING!!!! Her closets were full of clothes and her freezers

were full of food. Ethel Clay LOVED Wayland Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Gospel Chorus, the Henson Ministry, and the Senior Ministry at Wayland. Ethel Clay Porterfield leaves to celebrate her legacy: her loving husband of 66 years, Willie Porterfield; six loving children, Dorothy Washington, Rosa Brown, Morris Porterfield (Cora), Loretta Barner (Dwight Myron),

Vanessa Taylor (Alvin Sr.), and Marcelus Porterfield (Junko); thirteen grandchildren, Casella, Montressa, Markeith, Oneika, Michael Lee, Anthony, Alvin Jr., Daryl, O'neal, Amber, Stephen, David, and Kai; ten great-grandchildren, Jordon, Cayla, Arrin, Drew, Troy, A'Ryan, Cameron, Andrea, and two on the way; a loving aunt, Annie Ruth Thomas; one brother-in-law, Johnnie Porterfield (Delores); six sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Glover, Rose Jivers, Jessie (Jackie) Henderson, Maggie Bell Porterfield. Helen Porterfield, and Ethel Jones (Thomas); one grandson-in-law, Craig Mickles; three granddaughters-in-law, Tiffany Brown, Desiree Taylor and Jocelyn Taylor; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and many, many, many friends! One brother, Samuel Glover; one son-in-law, Michael Washington; and one granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer Porterfield, preceded her in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Wake

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JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wayland baptist Church  
3200 Garrison Ave  
Balto., MD 21215

## Service

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JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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3200 Garrison Ave  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Porterfield*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Porterfield Family,*

*We were saddened to hear about Mrs. Porterfield's passing and extend our sincerest sympathy and condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely, Melda and Millard Washington*

**Melda Washington** - January 19, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ *MAY GOD DO IN YOUR LIFE WHAT ONLY HE CAN DO ---  
STRENGTHEN YOU WITH HIS LOVE, FILL YOU WITH HIS  
ASSURANCE, BLESS YOU WITH HIS PEACE, AND HOLD YOU  
IN HIS ARMS AS YOU ARE HELD IN PRAYER. PEACE, LOVE  
AND BLESSINGS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.....HOPE  
NICHOLS*

**HOPE NICHOLS** - January 19, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *Mrs. Etherl Porterfield was an excellent wife, mother, friend and good neighbor. May God have mercy on her soul and enter her into paradise. May each of you continue to cherish the memories and strive to live your life according to the example laid before you.*

*Earl (Flan) S. El-Amin and Family*

**Earl El-Amin** - January 18, 2014 at 10:03 AM

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“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

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**linn family** - January 15, 2014 at 02:26 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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**March Funeral Homes** - January 15, 2014 at 11:12 AM