



Etta L. Pegram

September 14, 1931 - July 23, 2025

ETTA PEGRAM, daughter of the late Cads Faulcon and Lucille Brown, was born on September 14, 1931 in Baltimore, Maryland. She peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

Etta grew up in a loving household with her mother, stepfather, Joseph Ford, and younger sister, Evelyn. This environment fostered the development of characteristics that Etta would be known for; loyalty, hard work and always giving her best effort. If you wanted something done right, you would ask Etta. Etta's adventurous spirit was not deterred while being a member of one of the few Black families in Canton, during segregation. She would bike through the neighborhood and beyond. One of her favorite tales from her youth involved her out-riding pursuers while being chased out of Patterson Park.

Etta attended Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Prior to continuing her education at the Provident Hospital School of Nursing, she was the caregiver for her mother until her mother's death. Etta's employment history as a registered nurse included Crownsville State Hospital and the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Baltimore, where she served as the first Black nursing supervisor. Etta retired from the VNA in the early 1980's, but her legacy of care-giving continued for in-laws, family and friends.

Etta accepted Christ at an early age, holding continuous membership at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church for 81 years. She was the last remaining member from the original church location in Canton. She served with the Nurses Unit.

Etta married the love of her life, Howard (Piggy) in 1955. Their wedding was the first held in Mt. Ararat's current location. They honeymooned in Atlantic City where they returned each year to celebrate Etta's birthday. The couple had one child, Tamara. When her husband's health failed, Etta provided meticulous care, fulfilling his wish to die peacefully at home with her by his side.

Etta had a variety of interests. She enjoyed Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. Her favorite creations included tropical flowers such as birds of paradise and anthurium. She was a member of the Provident-HeleneFuld Nurses Alumni Association. Etta was also a life member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., providing over 35 years of "Service for Humanity." Etta was active in the local chapter (Gamma) having served as secretary, and chairperson of the hospitality, blood pressure, and newsletter committees. Etta developed a new interest later in life. Although she knew little about football, she became a Ravens fan with the arrival of Lamar Jackson. She called him her grandson. Etta dressed in purple to watch Ravens games on TV, while her daughter provided play-by-play explanations.

Etta leaves not to mourn, but to cherish sweet memories: her devoted daughter, Tamara; godson, Titus Spratley; other relatives and special friends including Trudy Venable, Joslyn Alexander Avon Thornton, and Carolyn Gray

Previous Events

Visitation Memorial

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

AUG 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Ararat Baptist Church
3008 Gwynn Falls Pkwy
Balto., MD 21216

Memorial Service

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ Ms Etta and my mother, Lorna Brice were long time friends. She had a sweet assuring demeanor. I loved her smile and kindness. I thought she was cute in her petite manner. I cherish my heart warming memories of Mrs. Etta Peagram.



Helen Brice Shelton - August 14, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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“ Pegram was one of the best nurses I ever worked with over 50 years of nursing. Etta was also a sincere, honest, thoughtful and best friend someone could have. Rest in Heavenly Peace Etta. Tam, may your fond memories and wonderful relationship with your Mother get you through this difficult time and adjustment. Love ❤️
Salle

Sarah Reese-Carter - August 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ Etta (we called her Pegram) was a wonderful nurse and friend at The visiting nurses's. She was an inspiration- so little but tough and we had many happy times together. So sorry for your loss.

Marcia Pruss Bycoffe - August 10, 2025 at 12:08 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 - August 08, 2025 at 04:53 PM