



Frankie T. Pettis

June 24, 1943 - October 8, 2020

Frankie Thomas Pettis was born June 24, 1943 and was called to be with Eternal Father in Heaven on October 8, 2020. Frankie was born in Evergreen, Alabama, the daughter of the late Benjamin James Thomas and Azelia Thomas. She had nine siblings: sisters Mary, Evelyn, Gladys, and Clara; brothers: James, Alonzo “Jimmy”, Richard , Hartence and Benjamin.

Frankie had a happy childhood growing up in the south, where she was raised by aunt, Mary Lee. She attended public schools and was a member of St. John's Baptist in her hometown of Evergreen, Alabama. She continued her education at Alabama State University in Montgomery.

In 1964 Frankie met George Leroy Pettis, a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force., and they were married after a brief courtship. From their union, two precious children were born, George, Jr. and Erica. Frankie was a caring and protective mother and a wonderful homemaker. For a short time she worked at Bell Atlantic and later become a child caregiver, assisting single working mothers she loved to bake and cook simple, yet delicious Southern meals and often catered dinner parties for friends . She looked forward to relaxing and spending time with family Crewe, Virginia.

Frankie was a compassionate and kind soul. She understood the importance of being a good listener and offered advice and words of wisdom and

encouragement to family and friends. She always had numerous anecdotes to share and loved entertaining guests in her home, where she made everyone feel welcome. Frankie enjoyed celebrating the holidays, and New Year's was one of her favorites, where many of her friends and relatives gathered in her home to bring in the New Year.

She enjoyed all genres of music with Justin Timberlake's "Suit and Tie" and Yolanda Adams, "Open My Heart" two of her favorites. She overcame many obstacles – the deaths of her husband, son and grandson, in just few short years apart. She was a strong woman who lived her life to the fullest through her deep faith, and would always say, "God is good".

Frankie was preceded in death by her husband, George, Sr. her son, George, Jr. and her grandson, Eric Cook. She leaves to mourn her passing from this earthly life and to cherish their memories, her devoted daughter, Erica Pettis-Aparentado (Rico); two grandsons Ryan Pettis (Taleetha) and Jaelen Bryant; (Bernadine) of Las Vegas; one sister-in-law, Marion Pettis; one brother-in-law, Lawrence Pettis (Nellie) ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and numerous friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Wake

OCT 21. 9:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Service

OCT 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much Mommy 😞

Erica Aparentado - December 05, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ Frankie T. Pettis

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I miss you and love you so much mommy!!! You were and will always be my best friend. Like we would always say to each other, " best friends forever and ever". I know your in a better place no more pain, no more missing Daddy, Eric and Georgie anymore you are with my them now. My family 😞. Ryan, Jae and I will be ok God has us like he has you mommy ❤️❤️. Your daughter and best friend Erica

Erica Aparentado - October 24, 2020 at 08:42 AM



I knew frankie and George they were a very nice couple. Frankie was very nice and a comforting friend in anguish, and sorrow I thank God for her and George, may they rest in peace.

Peter Richard Errie - January 06, 2021 at 07:54 PM

KC

“ Erica,
We are so broken hearted to hear of Frankie's passing. We just heard tonight and were crushed by the news. Frankie was and will always be family to us. She had a heart of gold, was a great friend, and had a wonderful sense of humor.
I know she has been greeted with the biggest hug from Bubby and George. May her memory be eternal.
Love and prayers to Erica and her family.
We will always love you Frankie!!
love,
Karin, Timmy, Alexander and Caroline Chriss

karin Chriss - October 22, 2020 at 02:17 AM

TC

“ Sending my deepest and heartfelt condolences on the passing of a beautiful woman and second mom to me.

Tavon

Tavon Claggett - October 20, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frankie T. Pettis.



October 18, 2020 at 11:13 PM

CH

“ Catherine Hebron lit a candle in memory of Frankie T. Pettis



Catherine Hebron - October 14, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CH

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Ms. Frankie's daughter Erica and family. Ms. Frankie was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I will miss seeing her sitting out on the front porch. She always had something nice to say to everyone who passed by. She would often say "if there is anything I can do for you let me know." May you Rest in Peace. Catherine

Catherine Hebron - October 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM

EA

Thank you so much Catherine. My mom will truly be missed. She was such a wonderful person and I'm definitely going to miss her.

Erica Aparentado - October 18, 2020 at 06:06 PM

BO

Erica, My sincere sympathy to you. Your Mom will be missed by her friends in Crewe. We shared some fun times in Bernice's yard

Bessie Oliver - October 20, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frankie T. Pettis.



October 14, 2020 at 01:17 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 - October 13, 2020 at 11:07 AM