



## Geraldine D. Ash

March 2, 1927 - October 11, 2015

GERALDINE D. ASH, daughter of the late George Mitchell and Lillian Priscilla was born on March 2, 1927 in “Old Town” Baltimore, Maryland. She married Boysie Ash and from their union they were blessed with five sons and three daughters.

“Dean” as she was affectionately called received her education in Baltimore City Public Schools and loved her Old Town, East Baltimore community. She was faith-filled and passionate about community service and in her younger years rallied at City Hall and Annapolis promoting voter registration, equal employment opportunities and affordable housing. She was second oldest of 18 in her immediate. And often stated she'd “rather be with the children; because they keep you young.” Her devotion to her faith instilled in her a commitment to community activism which varied from girl scouts to clean block organizer; a diligent community action agent and an emergency parent. Mama was our families very on “control one center:!” She welcomed people “any time and any hour” and loved assisting them obtain needed resources such as food shelter and free healthcare.

She was one of the pioneer community surveyors responsible for door-to-door data collection in preparation for the East Baltimore Revitalization Project. Later she was employed as parent liaison for the K.A.P.P.S. Program (Keeping All Pupils in School) at the Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School. Her

dedication to the students extended beyond the school building as she learned students needs were more extensive than any would have imagined. Later, she became employed by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City where her love for community catapulted into community security. Mama was excited about about her role keeping the community safe. Even in her retirement she demonstrated her dedication to service. She was a graduate of Healthy Hearts Program and was excited to work with former students that she had assisted many years prior. It blessed her spirit and gave her so much joy.

Mama loved her community and she was proud of her heritage . She is cousin to the great Baltimore Blues Legend, Billy Holiday. She was instrumental in the commission of the memorial statue of Billie on Pennsylvania Avenue and honored to have her first born daughter pose for its design. She loved country music, jazz, traditional and contemporary gospel. She was one of the founding members of the gospel choir at St Francis Xavier Church. Although she was never a fan of television, she loved “company” and enjoyed Tyler Perry movie nights with family and Sunday football with her daughters. She had lots of pearls of wisdom which she imparted in catchy phrases such as “you catch more flies with honey then you do with vinegar and the most memorable is her personal testimony of her love of the Lord. Ma Ma loved “for real” and her genuine spirit transcended all races and faiths. It didn't matter who you were or where you were to mama; she always blessed your spirit by saying, God Be with You”.

Mama loved all her family and without hesitation she devoted her life to her children, She loved each son and daughter; each grand-child and great-grand child as an individual. Mama began each morning with her favorite prayer “Good Morning God”. She encouraged everyone to learn and practice the “Serenity Prayer” and her favorite Psalm 23, She believed in the power of prayer and as her physical health diminished her faith was comforted by

praying the rosary. A former neighbor said, "She was a soldier"! She always remind us of HIS word

"whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me".

She was preceded in death by her husband Boysie: her twin sister Irene , sisters Stephanie, Doris, Norleen, Dannette, Emma and Joyce; her brothers Clyde, Ernest and Willie; her loving Aunt Retta and her fours sons; Boysie, Gregory, Wade and Wilbert She leaves to mourn one sister Elsie; one Gary and three daughters Sandrie, Sheila, and Mary; her loving next door neighbor Ms. Sallie and God son Roby; her grand-children, her great grandchildren and great -great grand children, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT **22**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

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OCT **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church  
1501 E. Oliver Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205

## Service

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OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine D. Ash*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The world has changed and surely our Baltimore has changed now that you are no longer with us. I cherish every moment spent with you and pray for your beautiful spirit each and every day! God Bless me with you and for you I am forever GRATEFUL!*

**Mary Ash** - October 11, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ *Mary Ash lit a candle in memory of Geraldine D. Ash*



**Mary Ash** - October 11, 2017 at 06:06 PM

MA

“ *In loving memory to you as we prepare for the season of Thanksgiving I continue to pray for your beautiful soul and am forever grateful to you for all the love you shared with everyone in your space.*



*You are always in my heart and each morning I remember all the joy and great pearls of wisdom you imparted to me!*

*Love you forever and ever,*

*Mary Ash*

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**Mary Ash** - November 23, 2015 at 07:02 PM

MA

“ *Grandma I love you so much.....*



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**Michelle Ash** - November 02, 2015 at 11:00 PM

MA

“ *Mary Ash lit a candle in memory of Geraldine D. Ash*



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**Mary Ash** - November 02, 2015 at 09:46 PM

MA

“ Mama,

*On this faithful All Saints Day know that I continue to pray for you as I have always. I will keep your beautiful spirit with me forever. I am so grateful to have been blessed with you as our mother and I thank you again for all the love you gave so genuinely to my children. That love that you shared with them has taught us to remain prayerful and to always and forever fully rely on God. In honor of you I pray your favorite prayer each day, Good Morning God! I thank God that you and I shared so many prayerful nights and you and I together prayed for all our family each and every night because you knew the power of prayer.*

*Always and Forever,*

*Mary Ash*

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**Mary Ash** - November 02, 2015 at 09:43 PM

JD

“ *I wish I could take away the hurt and answer the questions in your heart I wish I Could help you find peace and bring you comfort. But most of all I wish I had more than just these words to let you know how truly sorry I am of the lose of your mother.*



*WISH DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
From the late Fred & Luiclle (Ash) Demory  
CHILDREN*

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**JOYCE DEMORY-CATES** - October 23, 2015 at 12:21 PM

IF

“ In loving memory Fay & Xan and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Geraldine D. Ash.



In loving memory Fay & Xan and Family - October 20, 2015 at 07:13 PM

XA

“ We will miss you dearly and we will never forget the look on your face when we took you outside for a stroll in the sun. Love Always and Forever Xan & Fay



Xan & Fay Ash - October 20, 2015 at 05:56 PM

JH

“ R.I.P. Mrs. Ash. May the Perpetual Light shine up you 🙌. To the Family: May the peace of Christ be with you all at this time 🏠🏡 from Jessica Hurtt & Family



Jessica Hurtt - October 20, 2015 at 09:19 AM

GM

“ Goolsby Mortuary lit a candle in memory of Geraldine D. Ash



Goolsby Mortuary - October 19, 2015 at 08:07 AM

GF

*“ FAMILY,  
OFFERING A HEART FELT PRAYER  
IN SYMPATHY TODAY  
THAT GOD WILL BLESS AND COMFORT  
YOU  
IN HIS OWN LOVING WAY.*

*LOVE TO ALL.*

*FRANKLIN, JONES-BEY, DELANEY, JENKINS  
AND PRICE FAMILIES*



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**G.ANNETTE FRANKLIN** - October 17, 2015 at 12:27 PM

GF

*“ REST IN PEACE SWEETI.*



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**G.ANNETTE FRANKLIN** - October 17, 2015 at 12:13 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** - October 16, 2015 at 02:51 PM