



Janet E. Somerville

September 30, 1934 - September 10, 2016

Janet Elizabeth Somerville was born in Townsville, North Carolina on September 30, 1934 to the late Frances Alston and Robert Hill. She left this life to be with the Lord on September 10, 2016 after a lengthy illness.

Janet was affectionately known as "Leah" by her family. She grew up on a farm in Franklin County and joined the Jordan Chapel Baptist Church at an early age. Having lived with her nieces and nephews, to some, she was like a sister, to others whom she cared for, encouraged and nurtured, she was like a second mother. As farmers, their work was hard. But in the midst of long hours spent working in the fields, they created timeless memories, and lasting bonds of togetherness, fun and love. Their support of and care for one another was undeniable, to the extent that at the onset of Janet's illness, and at her request, her devoted niece, Betty Jean Shine, without hesitation, moved into her home and served as a supportive companion and loving helper until Janet's death.

In 1959 Janet moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she met and married the late Roger Somerville. Of that union two children were born, Reginald and Jacqueline. As a family, they joined Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in 1977. Family was the single most important part of Janet's life. Her most cherished moments were spent either reconnecting with family and laughing about old times at annual reunions in North Carolina, or at her home, preparing Sunday

dinners, making sure the menu contained her grandchildren's favorite foods. Janet also loved the excitement of Christmas. This included watching others open their gifts, then opening hers, only to re-gift them to someone else soon after. You see, her joy was found in giving and in service to others, never once, asking for anything in return. She lived a peaceful and contented life, finding fulfillment in simple things, like sitting on her front porch, enjoying her flowers that surrounded her and experiencing the warmth of God's sunshine all while sipping on a glass of sweet tea, and I do mean SWEET tea!

Janet leaves to mourn one son Reginald Neal Somerville (wife - Octavia) one daughter, Jacqueline Eileen Somerville, three grandchildren, Justin Neal Somerville, Brandin Neal Somerville, and Sierra Octavia Somerville, one sister, Barbara Terry, two sister-in-law's, Mary Ruth Hill and Mary Lorraine Ackerman, 45 nieces and nephews, 108 great-nieces and nephews, 18 great-great nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

viewing

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

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

Wake

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

Mt Lebanon Baptist Church
2812 Reisterstown Rd
Baltimore, MD 21215

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Janet E. Somerville

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Tracee Burroughs, MD and the UBA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janet E. Somerville.



Tracee Burroughs, MD and the UBA Family - September 21, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ The PGHD Staff of Dr. Jacqueline Somerville purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Janet E. Somerville.



The PGHD Staff of Dr. Jacqueline Somerville - September 21, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet E. Somerville.



September 20, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet E. Somerville.*



September 16, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *With my deepest condolences. May the God of tender mercies, and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials, (2Cor .1:3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

D Barnes - September 15, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ *Somerville Family,*

Ms. Janet (mom) had a genuinely beautiful, gentle, kind, and loving spirit; a life worthy of celebration! She always made me smile and tickled me with her sense of humor. When I think of her I think of family, commitment and love, characteristics prominent in Jacqueline and Reginald. Thank you both for sharing mom (& dad) with me. I loved them and I love you. May grace, peace, love and divine comfort abound in your family now and forever.



M. Rankin

M. Rankin - September 14, 2016 at 09:40 PM

KD

“ To Dr. Somerville and Family,

Please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and being prayed for. May God bless you and keep you throughout the days to come. Wishing you and your family comfort and peace.

Blessings,

K.Daniel BSU

Kimberly M Daniel - September 14, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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“ So sorry to read about the passing of Mrs Somerville. There are no words that can be said to remove the sadness and pain that you feel, and I can't say that I know how you feel at this time, or that I don't know your pain. But the bible recommends, rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. So until your tears turn into joy, I would like to extend my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you for the loss to your family. (Romans 12:15)

S.Tripp - September 13, 2016 at 07:44 AM



“ 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 - September 12, 2016 at 10:57 AM

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To my family, We are blessed to know how important it is to remain connected as family. Praying that we continue to love and respect each other just like our parents. Aunt Janet has joined our Somerville crew in Heaven. They are looking down on us. When I count my blessings I count you/us twice. Love always, Sheila Somerville

sheila.somerville - September 16, 2016 at 06:55 AM