



Jeffress B. Pettiford

February 15, 1949 - March 25, 2014

JEFFRESS BELINDA PETTIFORD, the third daughter of the late Jeff Pettiford and Beatrice Jeffers Pettiford, was born on February 15, 1949. She departed this life on March 25, 2014 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was taught of God's love her whole life and knew Him for herself. She attended and was a longtime member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church. She graduated from Forest Park High School in 1967. She held several jobs throughout her life such as the Post Office, Westinghouse, Nordstroms, African American Fashions, Red Cross and lastly Kernan Hospital. Although these were the places she worked, she had many talents which gave her more job titles. She was a seamstress and made plenty of girls happy to go to prom in a J.P. Original. She was a natural-born artist. She could draw and paint anything. Let's just say her grandkids got a lot of A's on their projects. She was a poet, and her writings made you feel and appreciate what she was trying to express. With all of those things, her favorite job of all where she clocked in early in the morning, worked vigorously all day, stayed late, worked day and night shift, worked weekends, all holidays, took no days off with no pay, was the job of loving her family. Her job description was to love them; and when that was done, love them a little more. Her family was absolutely most important to her. She could not have loved her absolutely, amazingly wonderful beautiful sisters (her words) Jean, Sandra, Portia and brother-in-law Clint anymore. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren meant everything to her. Her love for them was expressed in every breath she took.

She loved her nieces and nephews like sons and daughters. Family and friends, it's all the same. Her love was real and never changed. She leaves to love her from afar: her children, April Pettiford, Keith Owens, Cora Owens and adopted daughter, Lauren Dudley; her lifelong companion, Edward Dudley; her sisters, Loverta Pettiford, Sandra Silver and Portia Pettiford; brother-in-law, Clinton Silver; her grandchildren, Ashley, Antoin, Jasmine, India, Michael, Toren, Melodie and Kamari and her great-grandchildren, Brayln, Jason, Madison, Zoey, Ardyn Lilly and Logan (who preceded her in death); two very special people in her life, Deloris Cash and Larry Clay; aunt, Georgia P. Mitchell; and host of other relatives and friends.

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

Public Viewing

APR 1. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

APR 1. 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

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt Lebanon Baptist Church
2812 Reisterstown Rd
Baltimore, MD 21215

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffress B. Pettiford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our family would like to express condolences to The Pettiford Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us that our dear loved ones will receive a resurrection on a restored beautiful paradise earth. He even promises us that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

linn & family - April 06, 2014 at 02:07 PM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family. When someone we love dies its very painful. But the Bible talks about God doing away with pain at Rev 21:4. May the God of comfort provide solace to your family at this time.*

Peggy Land - April 04, 2014 at 09:53 PM



“ *She will truly be misses! She was a beautiful woman inside and out, always had a smile on her face, when you seen her always welcome you with a kiss and a tight HUG. I know her mother is dancing non stop. REST IN PEACE GOD'S ANGEL*


TONYA JOHNSON - March 31, 2014 at 10:52 AM

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“ *TONYA JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Jeffress B. Pettiford*



TONYA JOHNSON - March 31, 2014 at 10:45 AM

 Sophie Strachan-Moreno

“ *Pettiford family please accept our sincerest condolences in the passing of your loved one. Losing a person in death is the hardest thing we can go through in life. However we have the comfort from the scriptures that we will see them again soon in better conditions. John 5:28,29 and Psalm 37:10,11 gives us that reassurance.*

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - March 30, 2014 at 01:21 PM

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“ *We would like to express our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Pettiford family. We will certainly miss a sweet lady who always had a beautiful smile and kind words whenever we saw her. For now, the grief and sorrow are overwhelming; but faith in Jehovah and his son Jesus, and the love of friends and extended family will bring comfort in the days to come. Our deepest sympathies from Carol, Dee & Brittany, and Deneen & family.*

Carol Wheatley & Family - March 30, 2014 at 06:25 AM

DS

“ *To the family wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

De'Rea Smith - March 27, 2014 at 08:01 PM

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“ *Pettiford family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences. It's the hardest thing is to lose someone you love. While time will make this hurt more bearable it will never take it away. We can only find true hope and comfort from Gods word the bible. Jehovah being a loving father has already made provisions for the hurt that death causes both you and I by means of the ransom sacrifice of his son Jesus Christ. Job 33:24 Jesus died once for all time as a covering for our sins. To find out how we can welcome back those loved ones who have fallen asleep in death please visit www.jw.org or talk with Jehovah's Witnesses in your area. Please attend the local observance of the Memorial of Jesus death to gain an even greater appreciation and knowledge of what that ransom sacrifice really means for us.*

sharee elliott - March 27, 2014 at 10:00 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 - March 27, 2014 at 08:52 AM