



Mrs. Johnnie Mae Shaw

February 14, 1923 - November 7, 2025

EARLY LIFE

Born February 14, 1923, in Pickens, South Carolina, the seventh of eleven children to James and Katie Brown.

EDUCATION

She received her education in the Johnston, South Carolina, school system.

FAITH JOURNEY

She started her Christian walk at Bland Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Simon Wickson. After relocating to Baltimore, she joined First Apostolic Faith Church in 1994 under the leadership of the late Bishop Winfield A. Showell and current pastor, Apostle Cornelius Showell, and received the Holy Ghost. Johnnie Mae loved music and the preached word. She was known to lend her alto to The Brown Singers, which was inclusive of her siblings.

FAMILY

Johnnie Mae was a devoted wife and a loving mother. To her marriage were born two sons, David Jr. and Earthey Major Shaw, whom she cherished deeply. Family was the cornerstone of her life, and she showed unwavering love and strength in supporting those she cared about.

After the passing of her brother's wife, Johnnie Mae's compassion and sense

of duty shone even brighter. She stepped in as a strong, nurturing caregiver for his ten children, ensuring that the family remained united and cared for. Her selflessness and dedication left a legacy of love, resilience, and family togetherness.

WORK

She worked in a factory, drove a cab, and did domestic work.

Johnnie Mae passed peacefully on November 7, 2025, joining her sons David Shaw, Jr. and Earthey Major Shaw. Daughter-in-Law, Alethia Shaw, Granddaughters Ingrid Shaw McCoy and Kellie Shaw.

She leaves to value and cherish her memory, four grandchildren, Marla (Ryan), Antoinette, and Donnette. Six great-grandchildren, Grace, David, Jasmine Chantel, Jordan, Ryan, Jr., and Kiera.

Three great great-grandchildren, Kaidyn, Saige, and Ajani. Her beloved sister, Elberta Harris

(106). Her bonus children, Mary, Shirley, Gratice (Mattie), Marguerite Vivian, Sarah, (Bruce),

Paul (Eva), and Beatrice, One Godson, Michael Brown. Many nieces, nephews cousins, and friends.

WISDOM & SAYINGS

Known for her memorable phrases like "Hotta mighty No!", "God's Got a Way; "God doesn't Anything But Fail, ", She sometimes repeated her Dad's saying, "Well, I Declare" mess with me-He leads me", "I Love All My Nieces and Nephews", "I don't have foolishness, not hate but everybody doesn't need to be in your business "Like Saul said, I have played the fool", "I'm A Woman, if you've got something to say, Say it!!!" and "Thank you for loving me".

Cemetery Details

Maryland National Memorial Park

Laurel, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (est)

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

Tribute Wall



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“ *Mother Johnnie Mae Shaw was a beautiful and elegant lady. She wore stylish vintage clothing and was never without matching gloves of various fabrics. She always spoke with a melodious lilt. Her son Deacon David Shaw was a best friend to my Dad, Deacon George Whitehurst. Mother and her bestie Mother Minnie Goode were both fiercely independent, strong, survivors who loved the Lord and home church First Apostolic Faith Church. I can still see Mother Shaw, Well into her 80s, driving that long car. She loved her Cadillacs and Lincolns. Rest in the Lord Mother*❤️

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“ *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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