



Letitia Maddox

August 15, 1923 - September 4, 2018

Letitia Mae Short Maddox, daughter of the late James Edward Short and Hattie Pauline Bundy Short, was born on August 15, 1923 at 524 St. Mary's Street in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the youngest daughter of eight children and longest surviving of her siblings – Harvey, Millicent, Russell, James, Ellen, Ethel and John.

“Tish”, as she was affectionately called, was only two years old when her father was called to his eternal rest. Her mother Pauline supported the family through the years (including the Great Depression) by working as a cook in a hotel. Tish began keeping house early in her life, keeping family and home comfortable, peaceful and orderly. Family unity was always paramount in her life.

Educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools, Tish was a proud graduate of Douglass High School Class of June 1942. Her escort to Senior Graduation was a friend from her neighborhood; someone with whom she shared mutual respect and admiration, J. Albert Maddox. Following graduation Tish, along with her sister Ellen, obtained employment at Western Electric supporting the war effort. It was at that time that she and Albert began corresponding (while he was serving in the U. S. Army in the Philippine Islands). When the war ended, Tish and Al resumed their friendship which grew

into love; and in April of 1946, they were married.

Tish was always a stay-at-home mom, and she loved nothing more than raising her large family “having more happy days than sad ones”. She was the original Domestic Goddess performing tasks with speed and skill, and even doing household repairs of any and all kind (which she often said she learned by watching her beloved brother Jimmie). She was also a great seamstress with much creative flair and a master at repurposing things (such as making a beautiful quilt from Al’s old neckties).

As the family grew up and moved up, Tish became an integral part of each neighborhood in which they resided (especially Abington Avenue where she was one of the top neighborhood moms and also served as President of the P.T.A. at the local elementary school). She cultivated lifelong friendships with her warmth, honesty and concern for all.

Tish, although a natural beauty, never focused on outer appearance as much as she modeled and taught the traits of inner beauty (honesty, simplicity, compassion and tranquility). The name, Letitia, derived from the Latin word laeta – “happy”, is so fitting. Tish had a sunny personality, and she loved to laugh. Generous by nature, she gave what she had to her children, grandchildren and her special charitable organizations.

Converting to Catholicism upon preparing to marry Al, Letitia remained a devout Catholic throughout her life. Their family was one of the first African-American families to integrate St. Joseph’s Monastery Parish in Irvington in the late 1950s. In later years, she and Al were parishioners at New All Saints Catholic Church usually

attending Saturday Mass. The couple believed in the power of prayer and often spoke of finding solace and strength in The Serenity Prayer and Psalm 121.

As the family matriarch, her years were spent enjoying her large, loving family and extended family on family trips, holiday celebrations and anytime at her home. She was always available for “Tish Talk” (the uplifting conversations she loved to have), a term coined by family friend Christine.

After suffering a stroke which was followed by a four-year battle with failing health, our beloved Tish (Mom, Grandma, Gigi, Aunt Tishie) transitioned to her new Home in Glory on September 4, 2018. Left to cherish her beautiful memory are: her daughters Brenda (Willie), and Lisa (Randolph); her sons, Albert (Elsie), Daniel (Nena), Wayne (Camilla) and Gregory (son Brian preceded her in death); twelve grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; loving sister-in-law, Sharlene Short; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

“To the world you were a mother,
but to your family, you were the world.”

Always In Our Hearts

A favorite to many, your love overflowed

Because of your acceptance and the understanding you showed;

So many memories could reminisce for days.

Describing your warmth and beautiful ways.

Always understood our troubles when life's obstacles had us down,

With open ears we know you're listening and will always be around.

With each quick-witted remark which was always so profound,
Every particle in our souls always wanting to make you proud.
Proud of the teachings that you have passed down along the way
Each of us has a little of you that shines bright every day.

We will miss you but we know your love is with us
and we will love you forever.

Your Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

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

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

SEP 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New All Saints Roman Catholic Church
4408 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Letitia Maddox*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Terry Potillo lit a candle in memory of Letitia Maddox*



Terry Potillo - September 08, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Letitia Maddox.*



September 08, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Letitia Maddox.*



September 07, 2018 at 10:08 AM

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“ So very sorry for the loss of your loved one. She will surely be missed by many who shared happy moments with her over the years. May your hearts be comforted by the promise of the resurrection. Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. John 11:25. One day you have the hope of seeing your loved one again.

R Johnson - September 06, 2018 at 05:54 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 - September 06, 2018 at 01:01 PM