



Martha Gilspie Franklin

September 11, 1940 - January 12, 2024

Obituary

Martha Franklin, gained her heavenly wings on January 12, 2024. Martha was born on September 11, 1940, to the late Steve and Elnora Gillespie in Bristol, Tennessee.

Martha was a compassionate and caring woman who touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. She had a radiant smile and laughed often. Martha had a very loving spirit that left a lasting impact on friends and strangers.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church of Charles City, Virginia. Martha formerly was employed by Nabisco in Richmond, where she retired after 40 years of dedicated service. While there she was a bakery machine maintenance operator.

She loved her family. She also enjoyed participating in the mid-week Bible study.

Her nurturing spirit touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy lives on in the countless cherished memories she leaves behind, a testament to a life well-lived and a love that will forever endure in

their heart.

Martha was preceded in death by her siblings. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Lawrence James Franklin; caring son, William James Franklin; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Martha will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy of love, kindness, and selflessness will continue to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.

Cemetery Details

Union Baptist Church Cemetery

5801 Old Union Road
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
5801 Old Union Rd
Charles City, VA

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. Martha you were such a gentle soul, and greeted EVERYONE with your beautiful smile! I will miss seeing you sitting with Mr. Franklin at Union Baptist Church and singing every hymn with a smile on your face! Rest in paradise and we shall see each other again on the other side.*



Cheryl Williams-Boney - January 23, 2024 at 08:06 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 - January 23, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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Martha was such a kind, loving person. Rest in peace. Love Helen Shands

Helen Shands - January 25, 2024 at 03:44 PM