



Mary Beatrice Bridgeforth

May 9, 1934 - March 18, 2006

MARY BEATRICE BRIDGEFORTH, the youngest of seventeen children, was born to the late Frank and Bertha Bowie on May 9, 1934 in Mount Winans, Maryland. She departed this life on March 18, 2006 after a lengthy illness. She was united in marriage to Thomas Elbert Bridgeforth on June 18, 1966. Out of this union two beautiful children were born, Cheryl and Kimberly. Bea, as she was affectionately known, was a graduate of Douglas Senior High School and pursued further courses of study at Cortez Peters Business School, Catonsville Community College and Morgan State University. Bea, who never shied away from hard work, began her career in 1956 with the State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security. In 1964 she obtained her first position with the Social Security Administration, as a Key punch Operator and progressed in twelve years to supervisory positions within the SS-5 files area and several other departments. In 1979 she was hired by the IRS as a Temporary Clerk Typist. She later worked in Taxpayer Service and then on to supervisory positions in the EPEO and screening Unit, the Closed Files Unit and the Examination Processing Branch. In March 1991, Bea was hired as an Administrative Operations Specialist, Washington District Counsel in Washington D.C. Bea enjoyed this job very much and remained there, happily, until her retirement in March 1995. Bea was a former member of Greater Bethlehem Temple under the leadership of Elder John D. Barnes. She later became a faithful, longstanding member of the First Apostolic Faith Church under the leadership of Bishop Winfield A. Showell and Bishop Franklin C.

Showell. Sister Bea served in many capacities and was known for doing things well. She was a member of the Cooperative Usher Board and established the Beautification Committee. Her retirement in 1995 was quickly followed by a position as the Office Administrator for Bishop Cornelius Showell. She served tirelessly until her illness prevented her from further service. Sister Bea was a blessing to the First Apostolic family. Bea had an immense love of beautiful things and interior decorating and design. This was evident in her personal style and within her home and church, especially during the holiday seasons. Her favorite past time involved bargain shopping at various thrift stores, consignment shops and the Scratch and Dent shop in Fells Point Maryland. She was specially anointed for finding the best items and using them to beautify the spaces around her. Beatrice Bridgeforth was a very special and giving woman. The impact of her presence and personality, as gifted by the Holy Spirit, will long be remembered by all who knew her. Bea leaves to mourn a loving husband, Thomas E. Bridgeforth; two beautiful daughters, Cheryl and Kimberly Bridgeforth; three lovely granddaughters, Kennedy Grinage, and Madison and Zoë Betts; one sister, Ernestine B. Jones, who served as a loving and devoted caregiver; two brothers, Robert and Harrison Bowie and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Beatrice Bridgeforth*

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“ *Mary Beatrice Bridgeforth*

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“ *Aunt Bea was a beautiful, sweet and loving person. How sad to lose a loved one in death. Thanks be to God for the resurrection hope. Job asked "If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?" He then adds "All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, Until my relief comes." That He believed in the resurrection, he further stated, "You will call, and I myself shall answer."(Job 14:14, 15) This is in harmony with what Jesus stated in John 5:28. For he said "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is comming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." Never will we have to worry about death again, because as Revelations 21:4 states, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." May we continue to pray that Jehovah's Kingdom(heavenly government ruled by his King Son, Jesus) will come and bring about the best of condition here on the earth as they are in the heavens. That model prayer Jesus left us indicates that his Father's will for the earth will be a reality, in which Psalms 37:29 will have a grand fulfillment. Love to All.....Brian & Audrey and family.##imported-begin##Brian & Audrey##imported-end##*

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“ *Bridgeforth family, So sorry for your loss but there is a hope that she will be resurrected to a life on earth. Jesus spoke of that resurrection at John 11:25. Hope that the rest of the family can get some comfort knowing that the resurrection is sure to come.##imported-begin##dawn & horatio##imported-end##*

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“ *My heart goes out to you on the recent death of your dear one. Death is a tragedy we can never come to grips with, and I can feel your pain. Even though she has fallen asleep in death, Mrs. Mary will wake up in the promised resurrection. Jehovah promises at Rev:21, 3,4 that he will wipe out every tear from our eyes and death will be no more. I hope God's word, and your beautiful memories bring you comfort at this time.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##*

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“ *May the Lord continue to keep and bless you and your family, may the lord give peace, rest and conford and this time and years to come, Sister Bea will be Missed.##imported-begin##Vanessa P. Skinner##imported-end##*

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“ Dear loved ones lift your spirits, and take a peek up there. It's grandeur is far greater than you dreamed. Though you will miss Bea, she is not distant; She still have her sights on you. She just crossed into forever to get a better view. Keep good memories to console you, Let grief and mourning go.##imported-begin##Mary Sykes - Williams##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mrs. Mary Beatrice Bridgeforth to loss someone you love is truly devastating so please except my condolences. "From the moment of birth there is the constant possibility that a human being may die at any moment," wrote British historian Arnold Toynbee. He added: "And inevitably this possibility is going to become an accomplished fact." What grief death brings upon us when it strikes a beloved family member or a close friend! Could this reality be all there is? Jesus Christ said: "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Jesus'] voice and come out to a resurrection of life." {John 5:28,29} So according to the bible, the only remedy for death is the resurrection. Who will be resurrected, and to where? Act 24:15 says: "There is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." At Psalms 37:29 says "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, And they will reside forever upon it." I am truly sorry for your loss please find comfort in this letter and the scripture because as 2Corinthians 1:3,4 says, "God [Jehovah] is the God of comfort in our tribulation." My Deepest Sympathy Shirel Halstead.##imported-begin##Shirel Halstead##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation.
2Corinthian 1:3-4###imported-begin##Carter###imported-end##

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“ Hello Bridgeforth Family ! May you all have comfort in knowing that others care. We all have lost some one in death at one time or another. The world would be a perfect place to live forever if we did not have to lose our loved ,our frist parents disobey our heavenly father. We have a chance to look forward to living forever in a paradise very soon. The bible promises that encouraging thought. 1 Cor.15:26, tell us that death be will brought to nothing very soon. No one will ever be sick, grow old, have pains, die. Our creator promises that . That is the great news ever. You all can look forward to that happening very soon as the bible say. At Rev.21:3,4 , it will happen.I hope these few uplifting thoughts has help to ease the pain of grief. Sincerely condolences the Ccrosy"s.###imported-begin##Lillian Crosby###imported-end##

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