



## MARY ELLA CRAWFORD

December 28, 1920 - May 19, 2020

Mary Ella Crawford, second child of seven, was born to the late Moses & Sadie Dingle in Summerton, South Carolina. She was educated in South Carolina Public Schools. After school she met and was married in matrimony to the late Hartley Thompson of Summerton, South Carolina. This union was blessed with two daughters, Mary and Catherine. She relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where met and married the love of her life, the late German (Jim) Crawford of Winston Salem, North Carolina. His name for her was "Sugar" which he called her until his death. From this union they were blessed with five daughters, Geraldine, Maxine, Gloria Joan and Darlene. Their love was so strong that she visited his graveside yearly since his death 51 years ago. Mother was loved by everyone who knew her. One of her greatest joys was taking care of her daughters; preparing meals for them and watching her girls grow up. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior in 1958. In this same year, mother was baptized at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where she worship under the leadership of the late Rev. J.R. Butler. She continued her worship at Mt. Sinai under the Late Pastor William Brown where she served faithfully on the following ministries until she moved to California in 1988. She sang on the Women's Chorus and the Voices of Sinai, President of the John H. Taylor Foundation, President of the Nurses Unit, a faithful member of the Sick committee and the Flower Circle. Mrs. Crawford joined the Spirit o Love Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Minvard C. Scott where she served on the Mother's Board. Mother later joined the Greater Faith

Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Fred Autry. Upon his retirement, she continued her fellowship under Pastor Lawrence W. Scott until she moved to Hockey, Texas in 2008. Mrs. Crawford was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who had a strong sense of family and spiritual values that she passed down to her daughters. Mother was an example for her daughters daily, a tower of strength to her family and friends. She had many talents but sewing and cooking were what she enjoyed most. Mrs. Crawford was employed at Edgewood Arsenal Continental Can Company and Western Electric Corporation until becoming an entrepreneur, She opened and operated her own grocery store for 14 years . After fulfilling this endeavor, Mrs. Crawford pursued and fulfilled her next venture as a seamstress for 10 years. She retired at age 49. Mother enjoyed traveling after retirement. She traveled to Loudon, Paris, England, Canada, Bermuda, Mexico, and Jamaica and took three Caribbean cruises. She continued to travel to visit her family on a yearly basis until the very end. In all her travel she always said, "Me and the Lord travel together." The memories we have of "Mother" will be in our hearts for the rest of our lives and we will carry on the legacy she has left with us. We rejoice in knowing that she was truly a virtuous woman and is now resting peacefully with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She leaves to mourn her six daughters, Mary McDonald of Windsor, Mills, MD, Catherine Bradshaw of Mesa, AZ, Maxine Barnes (Willie) of Inglewood, CA, Gloria Allender of Baltimore, MD, Joan Hubbard of Hockey, TX and Darlene Dunn (Charles) of Rosedale, MD; (Geraldine Cochran of Lawrenceville, GA, preceded her death) nineteen grandchildren (Dante Davis, Kimberly Allender and Charles Steven Howard, preceded her death). Forty-six great grandchildren, (Ethan Johnson preceded her death) thirteen great great-grandchildren , (Jada Davis proceeded her death), one sister Plassie Scott, and two surrogate daughters, Evon Jackson of Baltimore, MD and Brenda Carter of Sumter, South Carolina and a host of relatives and friends. We will cherish her memory, her love and kind sweet spirit:

Thank you God for this virtuous- "Mother"



# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## VIEWING ONLY

JUN **10**. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
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# Tribute Wall



“ MARY ELLA CRAWFORD

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Grandma the scope of your life was massive. The things you persevered through to become the woman that raised this family is truly inspiring. I'll always cherish the small moments we had and all of your witty and timely jokes. I thank God for the time he gave us together as many are not blessed to grow up with their great grand mother. You'll truly be missed, we love you madly!*

Lionel Jones - June 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Grandma, words cannot express how dearly I will miss you. You were such a loving, kind, and gentle person. You taught us all to love without condition. I thank you for all your words of wisdom and advice. God allowed us to share many years together and for that I am grateful. Rest well my sweet angel. I will carry you in my heart forever!*

Yolanda Hickman - June 09, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Mother, I miss so much about you! Missing your loving kind heart, days gone by stories, your laugh, and your connection with family until the very end. You knew how much we loved you and we knew how much you loved us. A bright light gone out and yet we have so many memories. The Lord let us share you for so many years before calling you home. Forever grateful for the time! Always in my heart...Mac*

Maxine Tennessee - June 09, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Mama! You will be truly missed by your grands, great grands & great great grands. Although you have left us to go home to be with our Lord and Saver Jesus Christ you are still in our hearts. I Love You! Rest In Peace "My ACE CB"*

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**Cathy Church** - June 09, 2020 at 12:40 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - June 08, 2020 at 11:32 AM