



Thelma Bailey Lonesome

September 2, 1924 - March 2, 2012

THELMA LONESOME was the beloved daughter of the late Rose and David Bailey, Sr wife of the late Kenneth M. Lonesome, sister of the Mary Louise Smith Thomas and David Bailey, Jr

She was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. She attended Faith Baptist Church as a child and City Temple of Baltimore in her adult years.

Thelma married Kenneth M. Lonesome in 1945 and was a full-time wife, mother and homemaker. From this union they has seven children: Erma Elaine (deceased), Kenneth Sinclair, Karen Elizabeth, Earl, Davis, Grace Louise, Paul Ernest and Charles Ellsworth (deceased).

Thelma made sure her family was always happy and healthy from their early years at 404 E. Oliver to 311 E. 28th St. All of her relatives were always welcome at her house, especially for summertime cookouts and holiday open house parties. For many years she also a member of a ladies club of Po keno players called Jollyettes. Thelma ensured tat whenever her family and friends were together everyone had a good time. In her personal time, Thelma loved planting and caring for flowers, decorating for the holidays and reading a good book or magazine. Everyone knew not to interrupt her during the Price is

Right, Dr Phil, Oprah, and the Sunday morning gospel shows on radio and TV.

Over the years the family has experienced many losses: loved ones, parents siblings, grandparents, children, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends. Through it all, Thelma (affectionately known as Granny) was our strength and our rock at all times- always ready with words of wisdom. Now she walks with those who passed before her.

She She leaves for us to cherish her unforgettable smile and love: her surviving five children; her eleven grandchildren , Antonio Lonesome, Brian and La Shawn Bailey, Peter III and Kenya Griffin, Gregory Griffin, Mark, Kenneth Lonesome Jr., Jonathan Bailey, Christopher and Devan Lonesome; nine great-grandchildren, Taavone Jr., Janay, Stephone, Davonte and Angelique Lonesome, Dominic and Leia Griffin, Harmoni and Amari Lonesome; six great-great-grandchildren, Taavone Jr., Asia, Kliaija Jordan, Quinton and Armiyah Lonesome; her daughter-in-law, Marie Lonesome; son-in-law, Peter J. Griffin, II; three sister-in-law, Helen, Vern ell and Ida lonesome; and many loving; cousins, nieces, nephews, and family friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 10. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“Granny is The Reason I'm so Good at Scrabble. I watched her play everyday and she warned me before playing her the first time, "Don't Be Playing". She never said a lot and I learned closed lips have their own food.

Jonathan David - October 04, 2025 at 02:30 AM



“Thelma Bailey Lonesome

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DP

“Doreen Parks lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bailey Lonesome



doreen parks - April 01, 2012 at 03:17 PM

KG

Thanks Doreen, this warms my heart, friends like you make the loss/grief easier to bear.

Karen (Kay) Griffin - April 26, 2012 at 02:29 PM

TG

“Tiffany Taylor(Ms. Nita's Granddaughter) lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bailey Lonesome



Tiffany Taylor(Ms. Nita's granddaughter) - March 23, 2012 at 09:25 AM

KG

Thank you Tiffany, this warms my heart, and thanks to you and your family. Kay

Karen (Kay) Griffin - April 26, 2012 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ *Brian Bailey lit a candle in memory of Thelma Bailey Lonesome*



Brian Bailey - March 11, 2012 at 10:30 AM

BB

I light this candle in honor of my grandmother as a symbol of the light Granny shed upon on me, my family and her friends. Love you Granny ! Brian & LaShawn

Brian Bailey - March 11, 2012 at 10:38 AM

MS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - March 10, 2012 at 11:08 AM

MB

“ *Mary F. Brown lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Bailey Lonesome*



Mary F. Brown - March 09, 2012 at 08:36 PM

KG

“ *Karen E.L. Griffin lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Bailey Lonesome*



Karen E.L. Griffin - March 09, 2012 at 01:49 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 - March 05, 2012 at 07:33 AM

DW

*WITH THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.
MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.*

DIANA L. WEBB - March 06, 2012 at 11:28 PM