



Venona E. Howze

July 3, 1915 - January 19, 2013

Life Reflections for Mrs. Venona Elvin Hicks Howze

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe cry out: ‘To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.’” Revelation 5:13

Venona Elvin Hicks Howze, the widow of Samuel Adam Howze, Sr, and the seventh of eight children, born to the late Daniel Wilson and Georgianna Brown Hicks on July 3, 1915, in Prince Edward County Virginia, was called to eternal rest on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Keswick Multicare Center, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Venona was raised on the family’s farm in the community of Rice in Prince Edward County, Virginia, which she described as “the toughest county in Virginia.” Her father was a farmer and her mother was a homemaker and midwife. Her father died when she was just eight years old. It was at this early age she stated “my heavenly Father became the Father in my life.” She and her brothers and sisters grew up in a closely knit home where she learned the value and importance of family unity and cooperative responsibility. As a young girl, she worked on the family’s farm and helped her mother to wash and iron clothes for other people throughout the county. This is where she says she learned the value of hard work. She graduated from Hubbard Elementary and Mary E. Branch High Schools in Prince Edward County.

Venona grew up in the Monroe Baptist Church and was baptized in the Sandy

Creek on the church grounds in Rice. She maintained ties with her “home” church well into her nineties, returning to Rice each year on the fourth Sunday in August for homecoming revivals held by Monroe, High Rock, and Calvary Baptist Churches.

In 1937, during one of those homecoming revival weekends, her brother, Robert, brought his best friend, Samuel Adam Howze, home with him to Rice, where Venona first met Samuel. A year later, Venona and her sister, Virginia, came to Baltimore to visit Robert, and decided to remain. They settled in with Robert and Venona quickly found employment in a Chinese laundry on Poplar Grove Street. She said, “Your daddy couldn’t keep his eyes off of me,” and on September 19, 1939, she married the love of her life in Alexandria, Virginia. Later, Venona was employed by the Post Office and Continental Canning Company. After earning certification as a nurse’s aide, she went to work for Edenwald Retirement Home and the General German Aged People’s Home. After 24 years of dedicated service, at the age of 78, she says she was told to retire because “Mrs. Howze, you are older than your patients.”

In 1950, when the family moved from East Preston Street to Terra Firma Road in Cherry Hill, she joined First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill. She was a member of the Senior Choir, a trusteeette, and a faithful and dedicated member for over sixty years. At the time of her death, she was the oldest female member of the congregation.

Venona was a strong advocate for civil rights and justice and admired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This past November, as she marked her ballot, she proudly announced she was voting again for President Barack Obama. Venona found refuge in the Word of God. She loved reading the Bible, gospel music, television ministries, sewing, gardening, and keeping a loving, clean, and cheerful home for her family. She was the matriarch of her family. Venona’s favorite chapter of the Bible was the Book of Revelation. She loved to talk about the wonders and mysteries of God; she would frequently say “I

wonder what's going to happen." Now, she will know for softly and tenderly, Jesus has called her home to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In addition to her husband and parents, Venona was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Fannie Mozelle, John Thomas, Lee Edward, Charlie Winston, Daniel Wilson, Robert Emmitt, and Virginia Louise; a grandson, David Lewis; and a granddaughter, Nikita. She leaves to love, honor, and cherish her memory: the children she loved so dearly, Elvin, Joan, Samuel, Jr., Harriot, and Warren; a son-in-law, Charles Myers; a brother-in-law, Harry Howze; four sisters-in-law Elizabeth Howze, Blanche Howze, Carrie Dye, and Johnalee Nelson; eight grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; many of her children's friends whom she loved as her own; and other beloved relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 25. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JAN 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill
823 Cherry Hill Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21225

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Venona E. Howze*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *She was not only my Aunt but MY Motivator ! And one that kept my Spirit Alive when I was not sure which way to some times turn, she would ALWAYS Give GOOD ADVICE! AUNT VENONA I MISS YOU! But YOUR SPIRIT STILL LIVES ON IN ME FROM DAY TO DAY UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU LOVE ALWAYS
YOUR Nephew BEMECHÉ` HICKS*

Bemeche` - November 06, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *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 about 4yrs 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 dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - January 27, 2013 at 11:18 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 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM