



Bessie M. Peterson

January 8, 1942 - February 27, 2021

Bessie Peterson (née Person) was born on January 8, 1942, in Jackson, North Carolina. She was the third child of David and Kathleen Person's six children. Bessie grew up on a farm with her five sisters and one brother and attended Gumberry High School. The Person family were cotton sharecroppers and Bessie would often share her family's experiences with others. When asked during a family interview in 2017, "What were you like as a child," Bessie responded, "I was a good little girl; I obeyed my parents. I loved to visit the older people and be joyful."

In 1964, she moved to Washington, DC with her sisters. In her early years as a Washingtonian, she met her loving husband of 54 years, Leon Peterson of Vanceboro, NC. Leon believes that Bessie was the best thing that happened to him and he loved her "go-getter" spirit. The Petersons loved each other but put God above all things. Bessie was a strong believer in Jesus Christ and would encourage everyone to pray when things were tough for them. She would even tell others to pray when everything was going well. Her favorite scripture was Psalms 23 (The Lord is My Shepard).

Bessie gave her life to Christ over 40 years ago. She attended The Way of the Cross Church of Christ. She was a missionary and sang in the choir.

Bessie worked as a drug store manager for many years before she retired.

She loved to dress nice and ride with her husband in their Cadillac. When asked about some of her happiest memories, Bessie stated that she was happy when she got married, she loved when her social club would go on trips and have gatherings at her home. She also said, "I had a great life."

Bessie and Leon had one son, Roger nicknamed Seymour, who preceded Bessie in death. Her son was the light of her life. Also preceding her death were her mother and father, Dave and Kathleen Person, her sisters Hattie Brown, Ozie Thomas, Mary Barnes, Queen Moore, and her brother, Johnny Lee Person. Bessie leaves behind her loving husband, Leon, her youngest sister, Edna Goode and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, family, church members, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington National Cemetery

4101 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia
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Service

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

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Bessie M. Peterson, Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 10, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Bessie M. Peterson*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie M. Peterson.*



March 09, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Aunt Bessie was a blessing to everyone who knew her. I am so grateful that God saw it fitting for me to have one of His angels as my aunt.*

Tia - March 08, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bessie M. Peterson.*



March 08, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Now, the angels rejoice as a good soul has made her way home. Cousin Bessie is gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.*



Willie Edmonds and family - March 07, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss , Jesus Christ Loves Me, We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - March 06, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Aunt Bessie... I love and miss you right now! Aunt Bessie was a women who loved the Lord. Every word she spoke, every sound she made was in honor of the Lord. Aunt Bessie loved me and my family like one of her own. Bessie Peterson had a beautiful spirit and soul. I will forever miss the sound of her voice. I will miss her calling me, just to see how I'm doing. Her favorite quote to me was " pray baby pray". Rest in peace now Auntie*

Wanda Barnes-Wilkes - March 05, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March 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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