



Mary Eliza Bennett

August 9, 1929 - August 15, 2023

On August 9, 1929, Mary Eliza (Smith) Bennett was born and raised in Charles County, Maryland to the late Julian and Mary Smith. The youngest of three children, she was educated in the Charles County Public School System and raised by her great-aunt and uncle after her parents passed away. Her brothers, Joseph and Julian Smith also preceded her in death.

Mary was married to the late Ernest Edward Bennett, Sr. From that union, ten children were born: eight sons (one predeceased son; Irving) and two daughters. She was a homemaker until after her eighth child was born. During her career years, she worked as a Public-School Teacher's Aide, Head Custodian, and a Postmistress servicing a rural post office in Pisgah, Maryland.

In 1988, Mary moved to Prince Georges County, Maryland and continued her deep love for children by starting an in-home daycare center. God blessed her to be a blessing to many families, and to this day the families remember her loving care. Ultimately, she made an everlasting mark in the lives of many children.

Mary was a dedicated member of From the Heart Church Ministries for thirty-four years. She was active in the Missions Ministry, Seniors Ministry and Telephone Reception Ministry. She also volunteered with other churches and

community organizations to care for children, and planned trips and activities for seniors at local Senior Centers. Although Mary did not drive, she was always diligent to be the first to arrive at church or any event.

She always had a song in her heart, and could be heard humming gospel songs, including her favorite "Praise Him, Jesus Blessed Savior". Mary had a quiet demeanor but was a recognized leader. She loved to read, recite poetry, journal, and write plays. Among her notable playwriting was a theatrical production from the Book of Ruth. Most of all, Mary had a genuine concern for the well-being of others and loved her family. She cherished spending time at large and small family gatherings to enjoy good food, fellowship, and music. Oh, how she loved to hear her sons play their instruments and sing beautiful melodies. Well into her later years, Mary enjoyed taking outings, and the company of family and friends at home, to include the company of her "Cabbage Patch" dolls.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Jeanette (Kenneth) and Juanita (Alphonso); seven sons, Ernest, Jr. (Ellen), James (Judy), Joseph (Marinda), Earl, Alvin (Dorothy), Jerome, and Eric (Vanessa); twenty-five grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES
5055 ALLENTOWN ROAD
SUITLAND, MD

Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Eliza Bennett*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Rest in paradise Ms. Bennett.*



Joyce Washington - August 29, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Loved me some Sister Bennett. Chris Williams (FTHCM)*

Chris Williams - August 28, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.*



August 28, 2023 at 03:23 PM



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August 28, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *The 7th Day Pentecostal Church purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.*



The 7th Day Pentecostal Church - August 28, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *The 7th Day Pentecostal Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Eliza Bennett.*

The 7th Day Pentecostal Church - August 28, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Eliza Bennett.*

August 27, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.*



August 27, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.*



August 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *To the Bennett Family you have my heartfelt sympathy and all my love I'm here if you need me or anything.*

Marie A Brawner - August 27, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *To the Bennett you have my heartfelt sympathy and I love each and every one*

of you I am here if you need anything. Marie Ann Brawner

Marie A Brawner - August 27, 2023 at 04:32 PM

SW

“ Shirley Washington lit a candle in memory of Mary Bennett



Shirley Washington - August 27, 2023 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ To the Bennett family, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to each of you, may she rest in peace!



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Short - August 25, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.



August 25, 2023 at 09:42 AM

RB

“ Roxy Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mary Bennett



Roxy Barnes - August 24, 2023 at 09:46 PM

SJ

“ *sweeney beale lit a candle in memory of Mary Bennett*



sweeney beale jr. - August 24, 2023 at 09:21 AM

RW

“ *In loving memory.
Ruth Wade*



Ruth Wade - August 23, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Eliza Bennett.*



August 22, 2023 at 12:54 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 16, 2023 at 06:31 PM