



Theresa B. Crawford

June 5, 1931 - December 22, 2014

Theresa Battle Crawford was born on June 5, 1931, in Dunn, North Carolina, to the late Annie Ryals Scott and Matthew Earnest Scott. To her parent's union were born 10 children. Her siblings were Mary, Pauline, Esther, Lillie, Pearl, Armetra, Alice, George, Elizabeth and Clementine. There were an additional five siblings from her father's first marriage. All of her siblings preceded her in death.

Theresa was a 1949 graduate of Harnett High School in Dunn, North Carolina. She went on to attend North Carolina Central University where she graduated in 1953 with a degree in Home Economics. Later that year, she married Stafford Evon Battle in her hometown of Dunn, N.C. They later moved to Washington, D.C., where they raised their four children, Stafford, Winfred, and twin daughters Yvette and Dennette.

After transitions in her life, Theresa met and married Thomas Crawford in 1984 and became stepmother to his children: Thomas, Jr., Randolph, Benjamin, Letitia, and Simone. This also included Thomas's extended family: Kizzie, Susan, Arnita, Amy, Roy, Reginald, and Cleveland. They all fondly referred to her as "Ma".

She joined People's Community Church in 1962 and served in various capacities including the Senior Usher Board and Church Clerk. Years later, she joined the Christian Reformed Church in northeast Washington, closer to her home.

Theresa began her career with the D.C. Department of Recreation in 1960 at

Sherwood Playground as a preschool teacher. She was later reassigned to Fort Stevens Recreation Center as a Recreation Specialist. In this role she participated in the District of Columbia's Beautification Project sponsored by Lady Bird Johnson, where she was honored at the White House for her dedicated service.

She was promoted as the Director of the Fort Stevens Recreation Center where she managed youth activities and community outreach initiatives. One such program was the first intergenerational program at Fort Stevens Center, which eventually developed into a premier model for the District of Columbia's Senior Citizen's Programs. During this time, Theresa enrolled in the University of Maryland's Gerontology Program, where she received her certification as a Gerontology Administrator. She committed herself to advocating senior citizens programs to encourage residents to stay active during their "golden years". She fondly referred to her fellow senior citizens as "recycled teenagers". Theresa retired from the DC Government in 1991 to further immerse herself in more family and community activities.

Theresa's zest for life continued beyond her retirement to include activities such as her and Thomas's portrayal of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus during the Christmas season. Additionally, the "Dancing Crawford's" were known for their many line dancing performances. She was actively involved in many civic organizations such as the Elks Columbia Lodge #85 I.B.P.O.E. of Washington, D.C; North Carolina Central University Alumni Association; District of Columbia Chapter of AARP; and Lamond-Riggs Community Association, to name a few.

Family was everything to Theresa. She stayed closely involved in the lives of not only her children but also her grandchildren [Maria, Christina, Leandra, Clifford, Stephanie, Chase, Chelsey, Kelley], great-grand children [Kaleb, Aubrey, Corrine, Cianna, Paige, Clifford, Jr.], nieces, nephews, cousins, step-children, in-laws, neighbors, friends and church family. She especially loved the annual trip to the Wilderness Resort in Virginia for vacationing and celebrating everyone's birthdays. Often she would say how happy she was to

have all of her family around her.

Theresa was preceded in death by her devoted and loving husband, Thomas A. Crawford in 2012. She leaves a loving family to honor her memory.

Repast Will be held at Washington DC Christ Reformed Church
5911 New Hampshire Ave NE
Washington, DC 20011

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Theresa B. Crawford*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dennette and Family,
With deepest sympathy at the loss of someone so special to you.
You and your family are in my prayers.
Elizabeth Washington
SMLAC*

Elizabeth Washington - January 03, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ *I have been a volunteer tax preparer/coordinator for the AARP TaxAide program at Lamond Riggs Library where Theresa volunteered for the last several years. It was always a delight to work with her. Over the 20 or so years she volunteered for the program, she had a strong commitment to helping the people of the community with their taxes. She was always helpful to those of us working at the site and the clients we all served. I was very saddened to hear of Theresa's passing. She will be missed by all those in the AARP TaxAide program.*

David Yudin

David Yudin - December 30, 2014 at 11:33 AM

MB

“ *My sympathy to the family on your loss. You are all in my prayer's, may she rest in peace.*
Mary Banks



Mary Banks - December 30, 2014 at 08:20 AM

PB

“ *Dennette and family,*
My heart goes out to you on the loss of your mother. I pray that you find strength and comfort in all the memories that you shared. Know that you are in my prayers.

Sisterly,
Phyllis Betterson

Phyllis Betterson - December 29, 2014 at 11:32 PM

AJ

“ *To: "Win" and rest of Battle/Crawford Families*

Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Hope you all will stay strong!

Al, Brenda, Duana, and Milton Jones

Al Jones - December 29, 2014 at 09:36 PM

SG

“ To Yvette and the entire family, I'd like to extend my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your mother. Even though I didn't have an opportunity to meet her, I can see that Mrs. Crawford lived a very full life and was a blessing to all those who knew her. May God provide comfort to you all and peace in the loving memories you share.



Sheila Graham and Family

Sheila Graham - December 29, 2014 at 08:15 PM

TF

“ The Ricks Family purchased the Lovely One Spat hiphyllum Plant for the family of Theresa B. Crawford.



The Ricks Family - December 29, 2014 at 05:28 PM

DJ

“ To the Battle/Crawford families, my siblings (Clark, Linda), and I extend our deepest sympathy to you all on the loss of your mother, Theresa. May God comfort you now as only He can.

*Sincerely,
Delmas (Maxwell) Johnson*

Delmas Johnson - December 29, 2014 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theresa B. Crawford.*



December 29, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dennette and Family,
I'm keeping you in my prayers. Your fond memories of your mother
will always be a part of your heart.*

*Love and Peace,
Patrick Elaine Ross
SM-LAC*

Patrick Elaine Ross - December 29, 2014 at 04:10 PM



“ *Lila F. Battle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Theresa B. Crawford.*



Lila F. Battle - December 29, 2014 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Theresa B. Crawford.*



December 29, 2014 at 08:11 AM

WB

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Winfred Battle - December 29, 2014 at 07:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Theresa B. Crawford*.



December 29, 2014 at 01:13 AM



Pamela
Lee

“ *Dennette and family,*

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that wonderful memories of your Mom will bring you comfort during this difficult time. Much love to you.

*Sisterly,
Pam Lee
SM-LAC*

Pamela Lee - December 28, 2014 at 08:22 PM

TG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Theresa Crawford, your loved one. My prayers go out to you in your time of loss. Theresa was a loyal and loving matriarch. Her legacy, "her joy for life", shall always be remembered. She loved to share her blessings. I know she will be missed. ~Tina Garlick

Tina Garlick - December 28, 2014 at 09:10 AM

CK

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of your Mother. She will be truly missed and I will include you in my daily prayers. We will miss her at NCCU Alumni Chapter Meeting and our Gala.

Calvin Kearney

Calvin Kearney - December 26, 2014 at 01:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa B. Crawford.



December 26, 2014 at 01:28 PM

BM

“ To the family of Theresa B. Crawford,

Please accept my deepest condolences. May the wonderful memories that you shared with Theresa bring comfort to your mind and heart. And may the Holy Scriptures, family and friends also comfort you during your time of grief.
(Isaiah 41:10,13)

bess murphy - December 25, 2014 at 07:55 AM



“ 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 - December 24, 2014 at 11:20 AM

RF

Dear Cousins, My prayers, love, hope and sympathy are with you. May God grant you peace during this trial and tribulation in your lives. Your Mom was life itself and she lived it to the fullest!! I know she is up in heaven showing everyone the latest line dances! Christ Peace be with you all!!

Love your Cuz, Ronda

Ronda Frazier - December 26, 2014 at 01:37 PM

PL

Soror Dennette, may God's peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time. Please find comfort in knowing that Mrs. Crawford lead a full and beautiful life, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered for many years to come. I send my love and prayers.

Patricia Mckinley Lowery - December 29, 2014 at 01:40 PM

WG

My deepest sympathy to the Family. I will miss your optimism and wonderful spirit to help others. You have inspired me to pass the gift of helping others with a passion. I send my Love from the Graham Family California (Nephew Pete)

Walter Graham - December 29, 2014 at 05:09 PM