



Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway

July 10, 1932 - May 19, 2017

PETTWAY, Mrs. Bessie Lee - Age 84, passed away Friday, May 19, 2017 at St Frances Medical Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Family hour and viewing 10:00 AM Friday, June 2, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday. Mrs. Pettway will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Public viewing during family hour only.

“A Time to Begin”

Summer was the season for the birth of Bessie L. Pettway. She took her first breath of life on the tenth day of July, 1932 in Camden, Alabama to the late Edward Gordon and Ellen Dora Abrams. After the death of her mother she was raised by her uncle and aunt the late A.C. and Cora Bell Nettles. She accepted Christ at an early age at the Antioch Baptist Church in Camden, Alabama.

“A Time to Embrace and a Time to Plant”

Bessie met and fell in love with her high school sweetheart, Eddie W. Pettway while in high school at Camden Academy. After graduating Bessie left Camden, Alabama and moved to Flint, Michigan. There she joined Eddie in Holy Matrimony on October 3, 1953 and to this union were born five children.

Eddie and Bessie joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1954. Bessie was active in Sunday school, The Children's Department and the Melody Chorus.

Bessie's early career was at Montgomery Wards in downtown Flint, later she was blessed to become a Dietician at McLaren Hospital for twenty years until retirement in 1966.

"A Time to Love"

Bessie's love was given freely to her children, family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, church family and friends. Bessie enjoyed reading and studying the Word of God. Bessie always enjoyed cooking, baking, floral arrangements, and keeping her mind fresh while doing word search puzzles.

Bessie was preceded in death by her parents Edward Gordon and Ellen Dora Abrams, daughter Anita Parlor, siblings Robert Ross, Theodore Otis Gordon Sr., Jimmy Gordon, Carl Gordon, Julia Mae Finklea, Marguerite Ellis, brother in law Eddie Berry and cousin, Adella Abrams.

"A Time to Die"

Bessie L. Pettway was called to glory to be with her Lord on Friay, May 19, 2017. Her memory is left to be cherished by her children, Sheila C. Crump of Flint, MI, Tyrone Pettway of AZ, Victor Pettway of Flint,MI, Sheba Garth (Pastor Tracy Garth) of Colorado Springs, Co; two sisters, Dora Ann Robinson of Cleveland, OH, and Ann Marie Berry of SC; three brothers, Ed Gordon, Walter (Jane) Gordon and Willie Gordon all of Camden, AL; sixteen grandchildren, thrity-five great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. Special and longtime friend and co-worker Mrs. Inez Andrews, God-daughter Antoinette Williams both of Flint, Michigan, Mrs. Fannie Barfield, Sue Henry and Regina Marshall all of Flint, MI and Phyliss Gladden of Colorado Springs, CO, these ladies were very dear love ones of

Miss Bessie Pettway.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
G-5443 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *James And Sharon Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



James and Sharon Owensby - July 02, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ *KATIE STEWART sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



KATIE STEWART - June 01, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ *KATIE STEWART lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



KATIE STEWART - June 01, 2017 at 10:09 AM

RS

“ *RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



RE-NAYE SANDERS - May 31, 2017 at 09:08 PM

RS

I HAVE KNOWN THIS FAMILY FOR OVER 37 YRS. SHEBA LEE WILL ALWAYS BE MY SISTER. I'VE GOTTEN TONS OF ADVICE FROM MAMA BESSIE OVER THE YEARS THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. AT TIMES SHE WAS MY ANGER MANAGEMENT COACH, I NEEDED IT BACK THEN. WELL I NEED IT SOMETIMES NOW BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU AND SHEBA LEE AND I'M GOOD. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOOD NOW. YOU ARE WHERE YOU HAVE ASPIRED TO BE. GIVE MY PARENTS A HUG FOR ME, R.I.PARADISE, I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

RE-NAYE SANDERS - May 31, 2017 at 09:34 PM

AG

“ *Angela Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Angela Griffith - May 31, 2017 at 08:02 PM

JF

“ *May the Lord bless Mrs. Bessie with peace and paradise. Prayers going out for her family & friends. From Co-worker on her Son Victor. From Jameelah& family.*



Jameelah Hasan& Family - May 31, 2017 at 12:41 PM

AB

“ *Ann Berry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Ann Berry - May 31, 2017 at 11:20 AM

BB

“ *Bettie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Bettie Brown - May 30, 2017 at 11:05 AM

LB

“ *Lorne Berry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



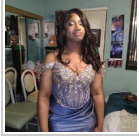
Lorne Berry - May 29, 2017 at 11:33 PM

LB

“ *Lorne Berry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Lorne Berry - May 29, 2017 at 11:32 PM



“ *Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Frances Palmer - May 29, 2017 at 04:31 AM

MD

“ *Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Montena Davis - May 27, 2017 at 10:35 AM

LC

“ *Granny I'm going to miss u so much it don't seem real that I'm looking at your name in this situation I love u so much love always . Ms. LaQuiesha Crump*

LaQuiesha Crump - May 27, 2017 at 07:24 AM

LH

“ *Laura Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway*



Laura Henry - May 26, 2017 at 06:33 PM

AP

“ Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - May 26, 2017 at 03:24 PM

PM

“ Patsy McDaniel-Holder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway



Patsy McDaniel-Holder - May 26, 2017 at 12:52 PM

TO

“ Tommie(Johnson)Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway



Tommie(Johnson)Beverly - May 26, 2017 at 09:01 AM

TB

“ Tommie (Johnson) Beverly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Lee Pettway



Tommie (Johnson) Beverly - May 26, 2017 at 09:00 AM