



Mrs. Bessie Lee Arthur

December 16, 1934 - November 5, 2021

In Loving Memory Of:

Bessie Lee Arthur was born on December 16, 1934 in Magazine Point, (Mobile County) Alabama to Jeannette Rigsby and Clifton Ulrich Best. She has four siblings Ella (predeceased), Robert (predeceased), Freda, and Gregory.

Bessie accepted Christ as a young child and was baptized at Hopewell Baptist Church in Plateau, Alabama.

Bessie was a 1950 graduate of Mobile County Training School in Plateau. She attended college at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama and graduated from their teacher's college in 1954. Afterward she returned to Mobile County Training School where she taught high school English.

On March 17, 1955 she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Arthur, Jr. Three children were born of this union: Ronald, Kenneth, and Barbara (predeceased).

After moving to Detroit, Michigan, Bessie held employment with the State of Michigan Department of Social Services where she worked and retired after 37 years of service. During retirement, Bessie's greatest joys were spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, reading, playing board games (especially Scrabble), enjoying the fine arts, cooking for her family, and serving as a leader for the women's missionary group at Springhill Baptist Church.

Bessie departed this life peacefully on November 7, 2021. Two grandchildren

preceded her in death, Johnny Romeo and Brandon Locke.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Ronald (Selina), Kenneth (Sandra) and Victoria Esters (mother of Duawne and DeAndre). Seven grandchildren: Rachel, Aprell, Aaronn, Duawne (Menzaire), DeAndre, Sherice, and Shirley (Nigel). Three great-grandchildren: Braylynn, Elijah, and DeRon. One sister, Freda Didlake (Donald) and one brother, Gregory Bey.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Family Hour / Visitation

Friday, Nov. **19**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church
21900 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
(248) 306-5450
<http://www.sbcfarmingtonhills.com>

Celebration of Life

Friday, Nov. **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

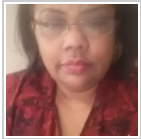
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bessie Lee Arthur*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *On behalf of the Pugh family (from Alabama) heartfelt condolences. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.*



Lela Pugh - December 18, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Remembering the family in this time of sorrow. May God comfort you through his Word the Bible and the gift to prayer. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - November 30, 2021 at 04:32 AM



“ *To Pastor & Sister Arthur and the Spring Hill Family.*

We would like to express our condolence and heart felt prayers all of you. We will miss the warm greetings and smiles that Mother Arthur always greeted us with each time we come to worship service. May the peace of God continue to comfort you and your family.

*With Love,
Edward & Louise Pulliam*

Louise Pulliam - November 18, 2021 at 12:17 PM