



Ms. Essie B. Cross

October 4, 1942 - December 16, 2017

In Loving Memory Of Essie B. Cross:

Essie B. Cross was born on October 4, 1942 in Heth, Arkansas to Bedford B. Cross and Willie Lue Cross. Essie was the youngest within the household – sharing her space with two older brothers and a sister.

She accepted Christ at an early age and dedicated her life to the teachings of the Bible. Considering herself a “prayer warrior,” Essie would fervently pray for family and friends when they experienced hardships in life. One of her favorite farewells before exiting a phone conversation was: “I love you darling...take care of yourself and don't forget to pray.”

Besides her spiritual life, Essie was also an ardent “foodie;” she enjoyed eating and cooking many different types of foods. One of her favorite dishes to chef up in the kitchen was a tender corned beef and sautéed cabbage. Moreover, anyone that spent tons of time with Essie would quickly learn how much she loved an ice cold glass of Pepsi and Planters cashew nuts!

Well known for her tenacious and persistent personality, Essie robustly overcame an earlier battle with cancer – in which, she continuously gave the Glory to God for her prevail. She always encouraged others to be resilient and conquer life's tough obstacles. One of her most recited scriptures was Psalm 23.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bedford B. Cross and Willie Lue Cross, one son, Kirk Strauther, and two grandchildren, Jaquette Smith and DeAndre Berry.

Known as “Mama” to many and “Granny” to others, Essie B. Cross departed this life on December 16, 2017.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Dec. **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **30**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Saturday, Dec. **30**. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Essie B. Cross*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Essie B. Cross.*



December 29, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *To the family so very sorry for the loss of your mother, me and Ms. Essie have been friends for a very long time, we use to work together at Packard group she was always a very warm and sweet person, who always had that smile on her face she will be very much missed, and my prayer are with the family for God to give you the peace and comfort you need in your time of loss.*
Ms. Zeela Peterson



Zeela Peterson - December 29, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ *The family is in my prayers*



Jacoby Hoover - December 28, 2017 at 10:31 PM

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“ To the Cross family we are truly so sorry for the loss of your mother, she was a very nice person, who always had that warm smile when you see, her and she was very encouraging to me when I loss my mother, so my prayer are with the family, and may God continue to give you the peace and comfort that only he can give in this time of loss.
Mrs. Kimberly & Mr. Charles Griffin



Kimberly Griffin - December 25, 2017 at 09:27 PM