



Mrs. Bessie Eva Alford

November 17, 1949 - September 11, 2023

Born November 17, 1949, in Terry, Mississippi, to the late Mr. John Yates and the late Mrs. Helen Moore-Yates. Bessie made her heavenly transition on Monday, September 11, 2023, surrounded by family.

Bessie was raised in Terry, Mississippi, where at an early age she was baptized at Terry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as usher on the Senior Usher Board.

Bessie united in holy matrimony to the love of her life Mr. Ellison Wayne Alford, and loving daughter Helen Dannette Alford. She moved her church membership to Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, in Florence, Mississippi.

She attended Perryman Elementary, Sumner Hill High School, and Jackson State University. Bessie was an avid Basketball and Football fan. She loved "Thee I Love."

Bessie had a long work history, her career employment was with Allstate Insurance Company, with a forty-year tenure, once retired she then continued to work part time with various companies.

Puddin as she is affectionately known, is survived by her daughter Mrs. Helen Danette Hill. Brothers; Johnnie Lee Yates Sr., (Delphine), Willis Yates, Jerry

Floyd (Sonya). Sisters Mrs. Mable Lee Butler, and Mrs. Marie Yates Bingham (Benard), and Sister-in-law Mrs. Jeweleen Alford-Green. Bessie is also survived by her extended family. Sisters; Mrs. Marie (Candy) Allen, Ms. Bonnie Holly. Brothers; Mr. Willie Earl (Blue) Holly, Mr. Curtis Frank Holly (Edith). Special acknowledgment to Mrs. Veronica Bozeman and Mr. Victor Mayes. She leaves to cherish her memory, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and special friends, Mrs. Betty Sue Mayes and Mr. James MaGee.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP **23.** 12:30 PM (CT)

Springhill M. B. Church Cemetery
127 Spring Hill Drive
Florence, MS 39073

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Bessie was very dear to me. We were coworkers and friends. She called me “my coach”. We shared many long and memorable conversations about everything you can imagine. My heart is shattered into a million pieces. I will continue to pray for your family. In sympathy, Coach Louis “Butch” Jones, Jr.

Louis Jones, Jr. - September 26, 2023 at 12:27 PM

VM

“ Vanessa mayes lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford



Vanessa mayes - September 23, 2023 at 01:49 PM

RJ

“ God our Father is in love with you and his love always being expressed to you he is always present I love you Ruby jones

Ruby Jones - September 23, 2023 at 11:48 AM

RJ

“ God our Father is truly carrying and keeping you his love is always with you he is in love with you and he will never leave you I love you Helen from Ruby

Ruby Jones - September 23, 2023 at 10:39 AM

BM

“ *Bobbie and Monitia lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Bobbie Terry and Monitia - September 23, 2023 at 10:33 AM

HF

“ *Hayes Cousin Family lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Hayes and Cousin Family - September 22, 2023 at 11:03 PM

JJ

“ *I am so fortunate to have known Ms Bessie. Enjoyed our early morning talk walks, I know that she is walking in a much better place now and free from pain. May you memories comfort you at this time.*

Judy Jarrell - September 22, 2023 at 06:13 PM

IM

“ *Irma Mayes lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Irma Mayes - September 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Rollins lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford



Carolyn Rollins - September 22, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Understanding, patience, kindness, friendship, knowledge, laughter and so much more Bessie brought into my life and made each day so much brighter. She had a favorite phrase that never failed to make me laugh: If she forgot something or made an error on paperwork she'd say, "Miz Z., you know my elevator isn't going all the way up."

(I adopted that phrase) I feel privileged to have known her, and will miss her for the rest of my life. Virginia Zeagler

FOR BESSIE:

Well Sweet Bessie, I know where your blessed Elevator is right now. ALL the way UP. Please put in a good word on my behalf. Love you, Your friend in Christ, Miz Z.

Missy Cox - September 21, 2023 at 09:41 PM

BT

I will truly miss uour smile uour kindness and all the talks we share. Fly high and one day we shall see each other again

Bobbie Terry - September 22, 2023 at 10:17 PM

DM

Such a sweet lady, gone but not forgotten ❤️

Dorothy Moore - September 23, 2023 at 04:11 PM

P-

I had the pleasure of meeting Bessie at Allstate on Raymond Rd. She was a very sweet lady.

Patrice Anderson -Paige - September 28, 2023 at 12:34 AM

ML

“ *RIP CUZ
FROM MELINDA LEWIS & FAMILY*



Melinda Lewis - September 21, 2023 at 04:50 PM

RM

“ *Roxie Mayes sent a virtual gift in memory of
Bessie Alford*



Roxie Mayes - September 21, 2023 at 01:09 PM

WJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May God's
Grace and Peace strengthen you and be sufficient to carry you
through these darkest times.
I will always remember the kind words, laughs and smiles Bessie
shared through both happy and tumultuous times at work. You've
earned your rest Bessie...May God continue to keep you!*

wilbur Jordan - September 19, 2023 at 09:24 PM

OS

“ *Ora Singleton lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Ora Singleton - September 19, 2023 at 11:44 AM

LB

“ *Sorry about your loss of your dear loved one . Trust in God and he will carry you through it all . Treasure all the memories and good times you shared with your loved one in your hearts forever. Think of the cardinals is an angel sent from heaven by your loved one to check on you and your family today. I am praying for you and your family today. In Christian Love Laura Brannon friend of Terry Myers and client of Region 8*



Laura Brannon - September 18, 2023 at 03:35 PM

EU

Praying for your families and friends, loss of a love one

Eulalong - September 19, 2023 at 05:02 AM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Eddie Ainsworth - September 17, 2023 at 06:32 PM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Bessie Alford*



Eletha Walker - September 17, 2023 at 05:18 PM

AW

“ *Alice Wells lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Alice M Wells - September 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM

TL

“ *Tina Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Tina Lewis - September 16, 2023 at 02:14 PM

MD

“ *My heart is truly broken over the passing of Bessie. Working with her at the Post Office was truly a pleasure. She was one of the kindest, hard-working and beautiful persons I know. Rest in sweet peace my friend. I pray for strength and comfort for her family and friends. God be with you.*

Margie Dunson - September 16, 2023 at 01:47 PM

AR

“ *ArethaThomas lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



ArethaThomas - September 16, 2023 at 01:25 AM

GB

Our church family will greatly miss Sister Bessie with her beautiful smile and caring heart. 🌹

Grace Brown - September 17, 2023 at 09:10 AM

AR

“ *ArethaThomas lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



ArethaThomas - September 15, 2023 at 11:08 PM

BM

“ *Brandie Mayes lit a candle in memory of Bessie Alford*



Brandie Mayes - September 15, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MN

“ *May u rest in the arms of the Lord who formed u from the dust of the earth. May Holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints welcome u now that u have gone fourth from this life.*



Martina Norwood - September 15, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ *My dear classmate and friend, you will truly be missed. Keeping your family, friends and loved ones in my most sincere thoughts and prayers. Sleep in peace. ~ Yvonne Fields Bayne (Sumner Hill Class of 1967)*

Michelle Johnson - September 15, 2023 at 09:21 PM