



Bessie Mae Lane Nathaniel

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Our beloved matriarch, Bessie Nathaniel, transitioned peacefully on June 5, 2025, in Memphis, TN, at the age of 99. Born on September 15, 1925, in Lake Cormorant, MS., A life well-lived and beautifully poured out, she embodied grace, strength, and wisdom throughout her nearly ten decades of life.

Bessie Nathaniel was known for her unwavering faith, tender heart, and the quiet strength that carried her family through generations. She was the loving wife of Wesley L. Nathaniel, Sr., and together they built a legacy rooted in love, family, and faith. She leaves behind a rich tapestry of memories and love through her children: Carolyn Williams (Rufus), Beverly Alexander, Wesley L. Nathaniel, Jr. (Cassandra), Ava Taylor, Eileen Collier (Anthony), her 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, sisters Effie "Bunch" Burnett, Fannie Ware, Jean Smith, and Ruby Carter and a host of extended family, church family, and dear friends.

A true nurturer and pillar of her community, she was deeply involved in ministry at Mt. Pisgah M.B. Church, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, and Tabernacle of Praise Christian Church, where she served faithfully as Sunday School teacher, Diaconette, and ministry leader. Her positive energy and smile brought joy and encouragement to all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley, and though she has departed this earthly realm, her spirit and example remain deeply woven into the fabric of our hearts. We are grateful to have been blessed by her presence. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and her legacy continue through each of us. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." - Psalm 116:15



Events

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Visitation

Saturday, June 14, 2025

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT

Greater New Liberty Baptist Church
250 East Rains, Memphis TN 38109

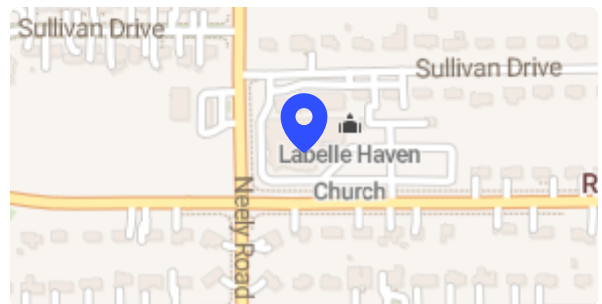


Funeral Service

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 AM CT

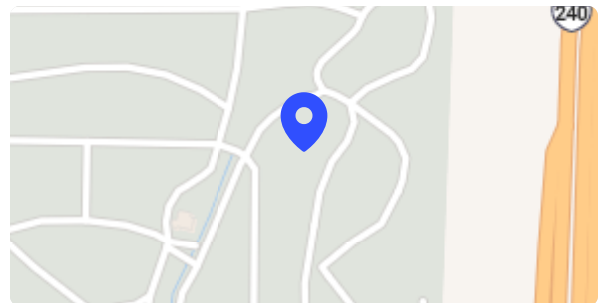
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Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119

(901) 445-8475





Tribute Wall

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Kim Martinez lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My name is Kim Martinez and I was a caregiver at Royal Retreat where I had the opportunity to take care of Mrs. Bessie. She was a beautiful woman she was kind and always smiling every day. I will miss her dearly and I will treasure all my memories of her. Prayers for peace and comfort ❤️

June 13 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Nathaniel family.

June 13 at 2:56 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bessie.

June 13 at 2:56 PM



Regina Black lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Pastor Nathaniel, we are so sorry for your loss, and want you to know that we will be praying for strength, peace, and comfort for you and your family. We will miss those hugs from Mother Nathaniel. Regina Black & Family

June 13 at 2:54 PM



Angela Jones posted:

This is Angela Jones at Royal Retreat the Activity Director , and the Memories of Mrs. Bessie that I hold so near, and Dear to my Heart is her Pleasant Spirit and that Beautiful Smile . I would always say Mrs. Bessie can I see your Beautiful smile today, and without any Hesitation's she would give me a Smile that would light up the whole room.To the Family of Mrs. Bessie you have my Deepest Condolences, and I Pray for you and Pray with you that God give you the Strength you need .Rest in Love, Mrs. Bessie N. 🌹

June 11 at 12:42 PM



Tribute Wall

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Charles Hoover shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



June 10 at 1:28 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bessie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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