



Bertha Lee Copper

October 17, 1938 - October 12, 2022

Bertha Lee Copper (affectionately known as Mom Bert) of Federalsburg, MD, transitioned on October 12, 2022 to her heavenly home.

Bertha was born on October 17, 1938, the daughter of the late George and Mini Rue in Queen Anne's County, MD. She attended school in Church Hill, MD, and later attended Kitchell College in Virginia.

She was a teacher's aide and alum at Old Kennard High School in Centreville, a teacher at Church Hill Elementary School, and worked at Vita Foods, Campbell Soup, Queen Anne's County Extension Office in Centreville, and later worked at the Kent County Extension Office in Chestertown (4-H Day Camp Leader and Teacher). She retired in 1998.

Her hobbies & interests included: church, her family, going to the Senior Center, cooking, and working with 4-H kids. She used to broadcast on the radio on Saturday mornings for the 4-H Program. She was a member of the Word of Life Church in Federalsburg where she was the Church Mother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband (Melvin Copper); two sisters, Mary Douglas, Virginia "Baby Sis" Hoxter; a cousin, Milton Edwards Jr. (Junior); two grandchildren, Shanelle Copper, Tyray Gilbert; and stepson, Melvin Copper II.

Bertha is survived by her children, Terry Copper (Zinabeth), Lennell Copper, Sr. (Latasha), Marion "Dorvon" Copper-Felton (Roosevelt), Nathaniel Copper, Sr. (Cathy), Kelvin Copper, Sr. (Pam); a stepson, Chris Copper (Chanelle); a step-daughter, Pattie Copper; her grandchildren: Bertina Joyner, Nathaniel Copper Jr., Kelvin Copper Jr., Bobby Brown, Lennisha Copper, Shatay Copper, John Taylor II, Jamion Copper, Javonte Taylor, Natasha Taylor, Tatayana Copper, Elijah Copper, Lennell Copper Jr., and Kayla Chapman; as well as a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Special nieces and nephews for her were Michelle Brooks, Ronnie Brown, Clifton Wright, and Karen Wright.

Bertha enjoyed conversing on the phone for hours with her best friends, Verna Clarkston (son, Kevin) and Jackie Hardin.

Services will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow in Sandtown Cemetery, Cemetery Rd. in Hillsboro, MD.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 08:43 AM

EP

To the Copper Family sending much love and prayers to cover you all Amen

Evangeline Pinkney - October 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM

AD

God's peace and blessings to the family

Alfreda DennisBowyer - October 22, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Bertha Lee Copper*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

NC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nathaniel & Cathie Copper - September 05, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Bertha Lee Copper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bertha Lee Copper*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *She was an amazing lady. She was a big part of my life while in 4-H. Her smile was so contagious. She was so kind and sweet and very helpful. I know she'll be missed by many.*



Sandy Walton - November 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Alfreda DennisBowyer lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Alfreda DennisBowyer - October 22, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 08:12 AM

AG

“ *Annetta Lorraine Graves lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper* ”



Annetta Lorraine Graves - October 20, 2022 at 06:30 AM



“ *Nikhia Munson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper* ”



Nikhia Munson - October 19, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *16 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ Terrence Moody lit a candle in memory of
Bertha Lee Copper



Terrence Moody - October 18, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ Our condolences to the family! To my brother, I met Ma Burt when an angel introduced me to another angel, life is a mystery as God is. Our purpose is to keep God first always! There’s nothing God can’t do but we can’t do anything without God. Ma made sure that when I came back to Maryland she’d feed me and this angel made sure her son (my brother) would bring me food from her and Lennel brothers accepted me as their own. It’s not an accident; that God came and took Ma Burt on home. God came and took Ma Burt home because he knew he needed her help elsewhere and her work here on Earth had been completed. Love endures all! She’ll be missed but never forgotten. I’ve never said goodbye to her but always “I’ll talk to you later”. To the boys, you know I love you guys....
Peace and blessings, with much love... Ric Jones and Family

De'Anna Majette-Jones - October 18, 2022 at 10:48 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bertha Lee Copper.



October 18, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Tasha Warner lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Tasha Warner - October 18, 2022 at 01:37 PM

TD

“ *May the God of our salvation bring peace and comfort to your family.*



TS Deaton - October 18, 2022 at 12:20 PM

JH

“ *Bert was a light to all that knew her. Her light will live on for all she touched. Miss you . ❤️*



Jackie Hardin - October 18, 2022 at 09:21 AM

GB

“ *Gregory & Gloria Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Gregory & Gloria Bennett - October 17, 2022 at 08:38 PM

GB

Too our extended family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Gregory & Gloria Bennett - October 17, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RJ

“ So very sorry to hear about Ms. Bert she was such a wonderful person. Family you are in my prayers and have my deepest sympathy.



Rev Denise Jones - October 17, 2022 at 02:10 PM

FL

“ Kelvin and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.



Frankie and Cathy Legg - October 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM

LS

“ Sad to hear of Bertha's passing. She was truly an inspiring person, always positive, hard working, and wise. She taught me a lot about life when I worked with her at the Extension Office over forty years ago. Her words and example stay with me still. Thanks, Bert, I miss you.
Lois Remsburg Skeen

Lois Skeen - October 17, 2022 at 11:01 AM

AH

“ Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Alfreda Henry - October 17, 2022 at 10:24 AM

PJ

“ *Pansy Jeffers-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Pansy Jeffers-Jackson - October 17, 2022 at 08:03 AM

IC

“ *Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Iris Carter - October 17, 2022 at 01:18 AM

LJ

“ *May GOD Bless And Keep Each Of You In His Care As You Cherish The Fond Memories Of Your Precious Loved One! With Prayers! Lorraine Jenkins & Family ((Philippians 4:13)*



Lorraine Jenkins - October 15, 2022 at 11:30 PM

VP

“ *Voncille Phillips lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Voncille Phillips - October 15, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Jeanette Stubbs - October 15, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bertha Lee Copper.*



October 15, 2022 at 05:16 PM

NB

“ *Nikita Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Lee Copper*



Nikita Beck - October 15, 2022 at 02:38 PM

NB

“ *Mum Bert ! Thank You For EVERYTHING!*



Nikita Beck - October 15, 2022 at 02:34 PM

GF

“ Grace & Bessie And Chesnut Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Grace & Bessie and Chesnut Family - October 15, 2022 at 10:51 AM

MD

“ Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Marty Davidson - October 14, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ Janet E Pauls lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Janet E Pauls - October 14, 2022 at 08:07 PM

VC

“ Verna Clarkston lit a candle in memory of Bertha Lee Copper



Verna Clarkston - October 14, 2022 at 06:39 PM

VC

The beauty of you lit up every day of my life, Bert. I will miss you forever. Dorvon, Lennell, Kelvin, Terry and Nathaniel...your Mom was a very special and wonderful person. I'm so, so sorry for your loss. I've never known children as devoted to and who cared as lovingly for their Mother as all of you did. My deepest condolences. My heart shares in your grief. Praying for all of you and your families.

Verna Clarkston - October 14, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JB

Dorvon, Kelvin, Nathaniel, Lennell, and Terry. So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. You have my deepest sympathy. She truly had a loving and kind spirit. Praying for the family.

Jackie Brown - October 17, 2022 at 10:01 AM