



Bessie Dadds Bedford

June 4, 1914 - August 9, 2011

Bessie Dadds Bedford of Centreville died on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at Corsica Hills Nursing Home, Centreville, MD after a brief illness. She was 97.

Born June 4, 1914 in Bryantown, near Grasonville, MD, she was the daughter of the late, James A. and Annie E. Pinder Dadds. At the age of 12 she and her family moved to Centreville and several years later she began working as a waitress. She worked at the old "Tony's" New York Restaurant in Centreville. Mrs. Bedford built and operated the Centre Ville Tea Room in Centreville until her health failed. She later returned to the Hillside Restaurant as a waitress until she retired in 2001. Her passion in life was, cooking and feeding people, bird feeding and WALKING.

Mrs. Bedford married Morte P. Bedford of Baltimore on April 1, 1935. Mr. Bedford died in 1983.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Centreville Post #18, American Legion and A.A.R.P. of Grasonville, MD and St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, MD.

Mrs. Bedford is survived by a daughter, Jean Mammen of Florence, AL; seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was pre-deceased by a son, Morte D. Bedford who died 1996 and two sisters, Bertha Dadds and Permelia Nelson; three

brothers, Bernard F. Dadds, Jack A. Dadds, Sr. and Clayton (Boney) Dadds, who died on D-Day in World War II.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centreville, MD from 2 – 4 and 6 – 8 PM on Thursday, August 11, 2011.

The funeral will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Centreville, MD on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

Interment will be in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville. MD.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Parish, 301 S. Liberty St., Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
301 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Dadds Bedford*

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“ *Bessie Dadds Bedford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bessie Dadds Bedford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mommom not a day goes by where I don't miss your calls share your thoughts or think about what you would say. I love and miss you*

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Robert J Mansfield the II - December 19, 2012 at 10:59 AM



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September 12, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ This makes eevrytnihg so completely painless.##imported-begin##Magda##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 02:21 AM



“ Mommom you were a great lady, and had alot of respect for other people, even our mom Shirley Bedford married to our Dad, Morte for 46 years and your daughter in law for 53 years. Every time I would come in to see you you would always ask how Mom was, she would always make a point to come out to see you everytime she was back in Centreville. Karen, Morte, Jimmy, Kathy, Bessie and John, Joey, Kristy, Heather, Morte, Whitney, Amy, Jim, Jason, Jeremy, Ricky, Christopher, Nicki, RJ, Micheal, Bradley, Brandon, Madison, Hayden, Billy, Collin, and Ethan, Logan. We will miss not seeing you but we will always remember that you loved us very much as we did you. You touched all our lives in different ways and each and everyone one of will remember what a great grandmother you were to us. We all are so glad that you were our grandmother and that we love you very much. Love from All...You keep them straight up there, we will be fine down here because you taught all of us to pull together when we need to. Thanks so much for being the person you are.##imported-begin##Karen Bedford Sadler##imported-end##

August 14, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ Mommom you helped raise me and taught me to stand up for what for what i believe in. I'm sorry i broke my first promise to you in 20 years but it could not be helped. I wish they would of listened to you when you said you wanted to be buried in your pj's and have everything done in one day but it was their choice to disobey your wants mommom there must of been alot of crocodile tear there from what i hear I love and miss you mommom save a drink for me.##imported-begin##Rj and Samantha Mansfield##imported-end##

August 12, 2011 at 11:02 PM



“ *To all of Miss Bessie's Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of her passing. She was such a Centreville icon. We will miss her constant smile and great sense of humor. She enriched many lives.##imported-begin##George and Barbara Yewell##imported-end##

August 12, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ *Bessie was a friend and a delight. Her honesty, common sense, and spirit set an example for me and for others. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Jane Libby##imported-end##*

August 12, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ Jean, and family members. This is the 2nd Funeral in our family in less than 3 weeks. Some how that seems very unfair. Maybe not to Aunt Bessie and Mom, I got to spend a little time with Aunt Bessie out at the nursing home when Mom was there and she was able to make her way down to see Mom 2 times in the 3 days she was there. She was a pretty remarkable woman. Mom always talked about her to us and how she just kept on keeping on. I was amazed to hear how she walked to Hillside so often and at her age. I always enjoyed when Bessie, Pop-Pop, Jack, Bertha and Pealie were together. No one could get a word in but they sure were the life of the party. Now they are all together and probably living it up talking about all the funny old stories that none of us remember. I know you will miss her as I miss Mom but take comfort in the fact that she had made her peace and her decisions and was ready to go. She would never leave any of her children or grandchildren if she thought they depended on her but she knew she had shown every one how to live your life with pride and dignity. Bless Bessie for all she gave to others and set her crown upon her head. They are all watching down on each of us and I hope we all will make them proud of who we are. Thoughts and prayers to each of you and know our hearts hurt at the loss we feel to.###imported-begin###Cindy J. Dixon###imported-end###

August 11, 2011 at 11:02 PM



“ Dear Jean and Family, So sorry not to be with you. Miss Bessie was one of the best.
She will be missed by many. My love and prayers to all.
Sincerely, Bessie Andrew###imported-begin###Bessie M. Andrew###imported-end###

August 11, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ Dear Family of Ms Betsy,

We met Ms Betsy at Corsica while visiting my mother who at one time was her room mate. We loved her stories and stopped by every time we visited my mom to say hello to her. She was a wonderful person who loved life to the fullest. She loved her daughter and family for sure.##imported-begin##Dan and Sharon Jones##imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 05:09 PM



“ My prayers go out to the family. Although I did not know Mommom Bessie for long or very well, she has left an undeniable impression on me and I am blessed to have known her. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Lesley E. Williams##imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ i will surely miss miss bessie walking past my house , she was a wonderfully stong person whom i had utmost respect for, and have alot of great memories with her from hillside!##imported-begin##pat mayer##imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 08:19 AM



“ Dearfamily of Bessie

We have lost another true gem of Centreville, she will be missed. we will also miss her coconut cream pies and her smiling face. Our prayers are with you.

David and June##imported-begin##David and June Clark##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 07:35 PM



“ Just saw Aunt Bessie in May and so glad I did. David and I are so sorry that you have lost your mom, aunt, grandmother. But, can you imagine the "heck" she is giving her siblings now. They are absolutely having a ball and keeping a close eye on the rest of us. Wish I could be there to celebrate her life with you.##imported-begin##Valerie Dadds##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ What to say about a 97 year old women ? she was one of the strongest and toughest people i had the pleasure of being related too . i'm glad that i had a mommom like her . her legacy will continue around the town of centreville , where she made alot of friends and even more people looked up to her and admired her . she lived a full life , with no regrets . and now it's in gods hands , he has bigger plans for her im sure . i LOVE you mommom , and will miss you like crazy - whitney .##imported-begin##Morte P. Bedford , Dawn Bedford , & Whitney Bedford .##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 04:14 PM



“ *to all her family and friends!
so sorry to hear of ms. bessie's passing! she will be truly missed by
many. you are in my prayers!!!*###imported-begin##VAL WHALEY
IVINS###imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ms. Bessie's passing, another of the
great ones of our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with
your family. JoAnn & Royden Powell*###imported-begin##JoAnn
Powell###imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 02:51 PM



“ *To the Bedford & Dadds Families: I was so sorry to hear of the
passing of Ms. Bessie. What a special lady. I always looked forward
to seeing her during her walks and having a little chat. I always
loved her spirited attitude! My thoughts and prayers are with you
all.*###imported-begin##Connie Todd###imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ To the Bedford Family: What a gracious and wonderful lady Centreville has lost. Her legacy will live on forever with many. She will never be forgotten and the love she had for others showed many, many times. What great memories of the Centre Ville Tea Room. Always homemade rolls and pies...that was her life. She enjoyed every minute of it. I can remember receiving a call from her one day asking me to take her to Corsica Hills Nursing Center. She had a couple of people she wanted to visit and something to take to them. Well, when I picked her up, needless to say, she had been baking all morning. She had 14 individual containers of homemade rice pudding. What a treat to many and my father never missed a beat eating every drop of it. That was Ms. Bessie--helping others. Ms. Bessie you will be sadly missed, but your love for others and life will never be forgotten. Gene and I both are so glad you were a part of our lives. May you rest in peace with our Good Lord and Saviour. Life is short and it's up to each of us to make it sweet and you surely did your share. God Bless! Love, Gene and Lynda Palmatary##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ I have such fond and amazing memories of Aunt Bessie. What an amazing, wonderful and strong woman. She taught me so many things growing up and her house was always a place for family, great times and fabulous food. She was such an inspiration to so many and she will be missed greatly by all that knew her. I will always remember the Tea Room and her letting me learn there and play there. I will always remember the juke box in the back room and how she used to laugh at us kids dancing and being silly. She was a beacon of strength and knowledge for all of us. I will miss you Aunt Bessie but I am glad your pain is no more. Please say hello to my Mom and Dad. I love you Aunt Bessie.

Blessings,

Sara Ann##imported-begin##Sara Ann Dadds Smith##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 10:18 AM