



## Mrs. Bessie Mae Bracey

February 15, 1939 - October 20, 2023

Bessie Mae Bracey was born February 15, 1939, in North, South Carolina to the late William and Mary Ellen (Robinson) Bell. Bessie transitioned into eternal life on Friday, October 20, 2023.

Bessie joined Antioch Baptist Church in North, South Carolina at a young age and later joined Friendship Baptist Church where she served on the Jubilee Choir. She was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina and attended C. A. Johnson High School. She wed early to Henry Lee Bracey on November 23, 1953 and through that union they were blessed with 6 children.

She was employed for more than 30 years as a faithful domestic worker who was adored by all she encountered. Bessie always had lick ups ready for the neighborhood kids during South Carolina's hot summer days and enjoyed cooking large meals for family and friends. She also enjoyed working her crossword puzzle books, music, dancing and spending time with family. When able, Bessie loved to travel visiting her sister in Boston, and her son in Missouri & Atlanta, and family trips to relax and enjoy family.

In addition to her parents, Bessie was also preceded in death by her husband, Henry Bracey; her sister, Inez Bell and her son, Henry Lee (Boot) Bracey Jr.

Bessie is remembered and survived by: two daughters, Doris Noble and Phyllis (Curtis) Hollins of Columbia, SC; three sons, Nathaniel (Laverne) Bracey, Marvin (Dareline) Bracey both of Columbia, SC and Melvin (Patricia) Bracey of Atlanta, Ga.; 22 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; her sister, Willie Ann (Booker T.) Wilson of Boston, Ma and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2023 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery. Mrs. Bracey will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to service time.

Public viewing will be from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 29, 2023 and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 30, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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# Cemetery Details

## Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 254-4673

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
1237 House Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 799-8906

*To view the service for Mrs. Bracey, please click on the link: <https://fb.watch/n-PxB5ZEEN>*

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Melvin, I neglected to include your name with family members in my condolence .Your mother loved you dearly. I am so sorry for your loss. She was my dear friend. We always talked around her birthday.

Jane Doug Hyatt - February 04 at 04:47 PM

JH

“ Bessie Bracey was a smart wonderful. I regret not knowing that she was deceased until just now. I had tried calling her phone but it had been disconnected. Doris, Phyllis, Nathaniel, and Marvin have my deepest sympathy. My family loved Bessie. I was trying to call and wish her a happy birthday. Bessie will be remembered by us forever.

Jane Doug Hyatt - February 04 at 04:40 PM

DG

“ Sending prayers to the Bracey family.

Dorothy Gorham and family



Dorothy Gorham - October 29, 2023 at 11:22 PM

EH

“ Sending prayers to the Bracey family. Mrs. Bracey was always a joy to talk to and be around. Sleep on and get your rest

Emma Hill - October 28, 2023 at 09:56 PM

VJ

“ *Sending our love and prayers to our Bracey family in Columbia. Praying God's strength during this tough time.*

*Rev Theodore & Inez Jones*



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**Valerie Jones** - October 26, 2023 at 09:38 AM

WJ

*Prayers to our Bracey family. Our sincerest condolences.*

*Pastor William Jones  
Rock Missionary Baptist Church.  
Flint, MI.*

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**William Jones** - October 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bessie Mae Bracey.*



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October 24, 2023 at 03:01 PM

RT

“*Condolences, Prayers and Blessings to the Bracey's Family and Friends. I am Pat's Auntie Renee' Taylor and Mel and Pat moved to Georgia not far from us.*

*I only met Momma Betsy once. It was memorable and beautiful. She reminded me of my sassy Mother Annie and her sweet tooth. I brought a pineapple upside cake to Mel and Pat's house for dessert. Food was delicious as usual. I got a call from Pat the next day saying Momma Betsy had dinner and was asking what happened to dessert. Pat said she wasn't sure if Mamma Betsy and/or Mel was sleep walking because within a day the cake was all gone. Mamma Betsy gave Pat the look that translated to either call your Tee Tee or pull out that mixer. LOL That warmed my heart. You could tell she Loved and was proud of her legacy.*

*Memories are priceless and should be shared and treasured. God Bless...xoxo*

*George and Renee' Taylor*

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**Renee Taylor** - October 24, 2023 at 12:03 PM

LW

*My Deepest Condolences to the Bracey Family for the loss of a precious gem of the family. I am wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Gone from this earth but her memories will never be forgotten. Mel and Pat continue to hold on to God's Unchanging Hands. I love you and be Blessed.*

*Auntie Linda Smith Washington the Twin of Patricia Bracey*

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**Linda Washington** - October 24, 2023 at 01:14 PM



*Thank You! Auntie Twin*

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**Patricia Bracey** - October 24, 2023 at 06:07 PM



*Thank you Auntie Renee!*

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**Patricia Bracey** - October 24, 2023 at 06:08 PM

PS

*My condolences to the Bracey Family. Ms. Bessie was a beautiful and loving person. I remember those days when she would have the lick-ups for the kids on those hot summer days. I was one of those kids. I loved talking with her about the old days. She was so proud of her children and she would always tell me how good they were to her and she felt so blessed. You all took very good care of your mother. Think on all the happy times and all the memories you all created and keep them in your hearts. She is in a better place. I will always keep her in my heart. May GOD bless each one of you and strengthen you and give you His peace as you go through this difficult time. Praying for you*



**Patsy Satterwhite** - October 25, 2023 at 12:40 AM



“No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. But her goodness, her caring, and her wisdom live on, like a legacy of love that will always be with you. With deepest sympathy,



*“Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ, we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.” 2 Corinthians 1:4-6*

*Gloria Harrison-Brown & Family  
Columbia, SC*

**Tammy Edwards** - October 23, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ Though there are no words to ease your pain, remember that she is now in heaven, in God's loving arms where she is now at peace. My prayers and sympathy to you and your family.



*“For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.”*

*Colossians 2:5*

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7*

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**Tammy Edwards** - October 23, 2023 at 01:44 PM