



Bertha Vanessa Williams

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Bertha Vanessa Williams was born on April 2, 1958 to the late Joseph and Lizzie (Rider) Potts in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She departed this life on April 25, 2022, at her home just weeks after celebrating her 64th birthday. Bertha Vanessa moved to Lansing, Michigan in 1977 and then relocated to Jackson, Michigan where she resided until her untimely demise.

She was known throughout the city from her time working for the Jackson Housing Commission and countless times she extended her hands to help the people she knew and loved. She accepted Christ at an early age during her years in Mississippi and was of the Baptist faith.

Bertha had a community presence even while being on Dialysis for 20+ years and found time even while dealing with her own medical issues to help others in need. Her favorite pastime was Bingo which she frequently enjoyed at one of her favorite bingo halls, The Fraternal Order of Eagles. Bertha will be remembered for her pure heart, willingness to help and motherly wisdom which made many look at her as a good friend, big sister or even an extended auntie. That kind of love and encouragement you grow to appreciate and will surely miss. One thing that is not to be forgotten is her wonderful culinary skills which had many telling stories; if Bertha was in the kitchen or on the grill, you knew you were in for a treat.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her three sons, Maurice Williams Jr. of South Elgin, Illinois, Joseph Michael Williams of San Antonio, Texas, and Ryan Anthony Williams of Jackson, Michigan: Three Grandchildren she adored Tahri Williams, Madison Williams, and Marlee Williams: Her Sister, Danna (Colin) Crasta of Vicksburg, Mississippi: Two Brothers, Joseph (Deborah) Potts of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Larry Thomas of Canton, Mississippi along with five nephews, Cedrick (Kim) King, Larry Alexander, Thomas Lewis, Devario Lewis



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Events

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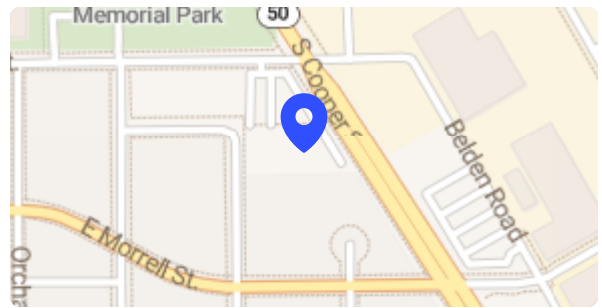
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 30, 2022

 12:00 PM ET

 **Oasis of Love**
800 S. Cooper Street, Jackson MI 49203





Tribute Wall

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Ernestine Goodall lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

You will be truly missed but not forgotten I will miss you my friend and a great neighbor to have and our kids are still great friends like we were Rih

November 7 at 3:21 AM



Cynthia Curry posted:

She was so nice she worked with my momA great ladyThe family has my deepest condolencesCynthia Anderson Curry

May 5 at 5:52 PM



Ernestine Goodall November 7 at 2:53 AM

To the son's of bertha Im so sorry for your loss of your mom it was a total shock to hear of your mom's passing my friend when my son told me I couldn't believe it to many people that Im close to is leaving here and it's hard for me to deal with but I will be praying for you guys take care and I still love you guys ❤️



Arlene Robinson sent a virtual gift in honor of Bertha.

To the Family,My condolences to all of you in the loss of my dear friend Vanessa. I will truly miss our frequent conversations on family matters and concerns. I will never forget how she always willing to lend a hand in anything I needed, especially preparing the food for any event. I will always remember Vanessa and will cherish the memories forever!

May 3 at 2:58 PM



Michelle Wallace posted:

Vanessa had a beautiful spirit inside and outside,I so glad I got to know her. Her presence will be missed, Michelle Wallace

May 1 at 1:19 PM



Kim Truman posted:

I loved Vanessa!! And I will miss her.

May 1 at 10:08 AM



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Beth Chappel posted:

She was one of the most special and loving person I've ever met.

April 30 at 12:42 PM



Joanie Homminga lit a candle in honor of Bertha.



April 30 at 10:26 AM



Cynthia Fletcher lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

You were a special lady and you will be truly missed.



April 30 at 8:55 AM



Gary & Brenda Brewer lit a candle in honor of Bertha.



April 30 at 8:33 AM



Gary April 30 at 8:35 AM

we will miss you every day miss your smile your laugh your everything you was a very special lady to both of us



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April 30 at 4:26 AM



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Tammi Carson lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

I'm not good at good bye, so I will say see you later. You received your crown and I'm living everyday to receive mine. This is hard very hard but there is comfort in Jesus and I know your safe in his arms. To my family I love you all!! Lean on each other and most of all lean on Jesus because he cares. B. Vanessa until we meet again, I love you.

April 29 at 5:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Williams family.

April 28 at 2:11 PM



Katrina Cooper lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

April 27 at 12:19 PM





Media

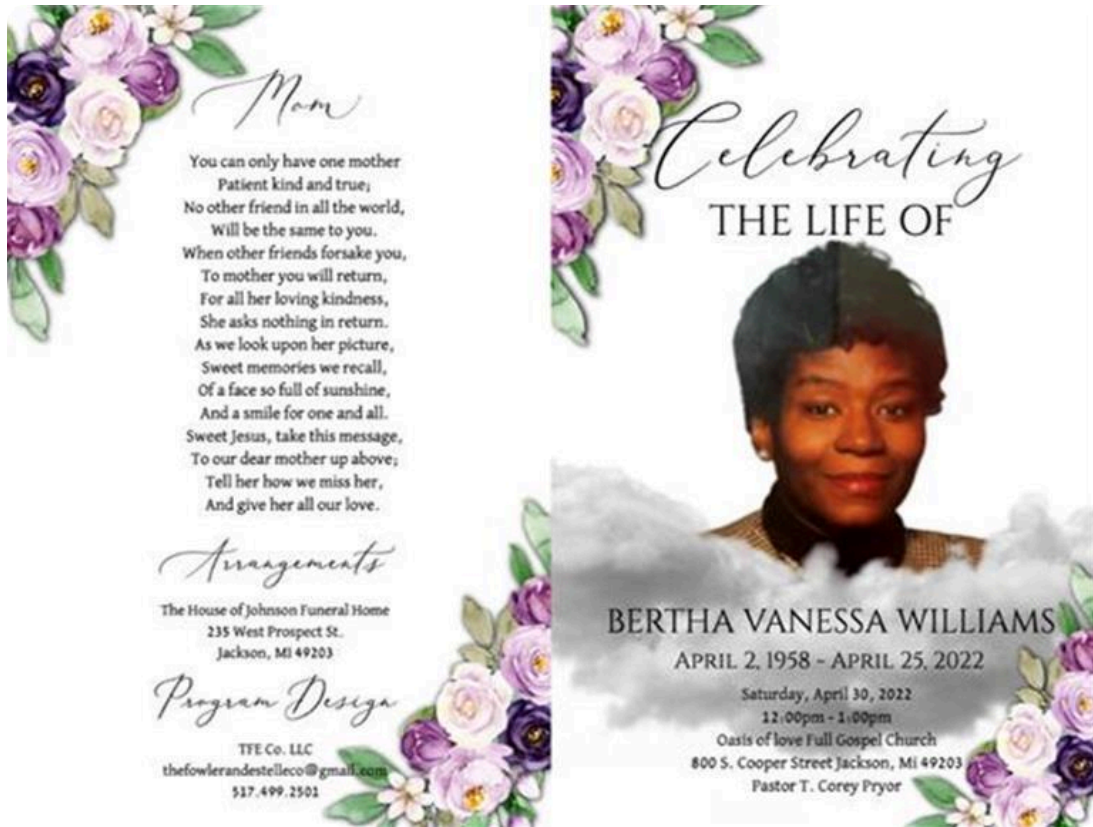
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April 30 at 4:26 AM



New Photo



Beverly Trimble May 3 at 3:11 AM

Bertha, was a beautiful and witty person. She always had a smart answer and joke for us. She will be missed.



Her Story

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Order of Service

Celebration of Life
 12:00 Noon - 1:00pm
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 1:00pm - 3:00pm

- Processional.....Soft Music
- Scripture reading.....Joseph W. Potts
- Prayer.....Elder Robert Stephens
- Selection.....
- Acknowledgments of Cards, Condolences & Obituary.....
-Sharon Carson Seay
- Expressions (Please limit to two minutes).....Family and Friends
- Selection.....
- Eulogy.....Pastor T. Corey Pryor
- Committal.....
- Benediction.....
- Recessional.....

Thank you

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.
 -The Family of Bertha Vanessa Williams-



New Photo



Memories only last if you share them

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



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