



Jessie Mae Benton

February 1, 1933 - November 4, 2023

Peacefully before midnight on Saturday, November 4, 2023, a Heavenly Angel descended and carried our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to her Heavenly home.

Born February 1, 1933, to the late Charlie C. and Arthalia Boone, in North Carolina, she would soon transition to Southampton County, VA to live and raise her children. Jessie was a homemaker and a domestic worker for many years before she began her last employment with Aster Nuts in Boykins, VA. Her fiery spirit and ability to make others comfortable made her friends far and near. Jessie 's smile could light up any room and she made you feel at home in her welcoming presence. She touched the lives of so many and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jessie was preceded in death by Ronnie Lee Boone; Charlie Boone, Jr; Eddie Mark Boone; Joe Thomas Branch; Frances Louise Lundy; Dorothy Mae Lewis; Alice Beatrice Warren; Margaret Branch; Honorable mention to Rosa Lena Bishop and additional brothers and sisters from the extended Branch Family who have also reunited with her in Heaven.

Jessie also leaves to cherish her memory: Her sons Robert Benton (Eredy); Raymond Benton (Betty); Daughters, Lisa Ridley (Anthony); Alice Lucas; Shirley Benton; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces,

nephews, family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessie Mae Benton



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 16, 2023 at 10:55 AM

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“ You have been more to me than a mother, you have been my Strength, my Rock and my Best Friend. Even when you were mad, it didn't last long and you would quickly forget what you were upset about and say, “Come in here and watch this with me.” I will miss our talks, our laughs, the jam sessions where we played all your favorite oldies. My world stopped on November 4th and the candle lost its flame. I will forever cherish your memory and all the talks we had. You were my biggest cheerleader and kept me encouraged when I felt like giving up. For you, Mama, I will cross any ocean, put aside my fear of heights and climb the highest mountain. The love you have given, not just to me, but to all your children and children you didn't birth but who called you Mama just the same. What an amazing woman you were! I only hope to be as great as you one day. As much as it pains me, I will not close the chapter of our book. Instead, I will put this pen down until we can fill the pages of a new chapter in Heaven. Love your daughter, Lisa

Lisa Ridley - November 11, 2023 at 07:16 PM

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“ I came into the Benton family through marriage to Mom’s oldest son, Robert, and admired how much respect all of her grown children have for her. I have several memories of times that I spent with Mom and one special moment for me was before Mom was moving into her new home, how her family all made sure the home was fully ready, all preparing tirelessly for Mom to move in. Mom loved it! Mom thank you for being you and being the best Mother in law to me. You’ve touched my heart in so many ways, I will remember your strength and kindness. I will cherish the memories, and never forget you. May your journey be peaceful. Love you 🥰❤️



Benton Family- Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted—Matthew 5:4

Eredy Bryant-Benton - November 11, 2023 at 07:43 AM

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“ OK Lisa Benton Ridley. Here is the story of our Mom.

*"Jessie Mae"
I grew up with this black lady
Her name is Jessie Mae
She became my second Momma
I'm still her baby today
The first time that I met her
Must have been about the age of five
She was introduced as "Miss Jessie"
Our relationship started to thrive
Jessie is in her eighties now
Not a wrinkle on her skin
She wasn't just the hired help
We thought of each other as kin
She lived in a house on the farm
Never once heard her complain
Didn't have any running water
House leaked in the pouring rain
She raised five kids by herself
Seven if you count me and my brother
So I guess you can see now
Why I proudly call her Mother
I remember one time long ago
Must have been seven or eight
I had done something Grandma didn't like
So she sent out Jessie Mae
Now her mission was to spank me
But I was having none of that
So I climbed up in the hayloft
And there I proudly sat
I could hear Grandma hollering
Did you get him Jessie Mae
Jessie said "no Miss Lizzie"
He's up there in the hay
We walked side by side chopping peanuts*

*Getting rid of all the weeds
We talked about many things
Our wants,our hopes and our needs
I guess I did most of the talking
But when the words came from Jessie Mae
They were always words of wisdom
That I still carry with me today
Jessie Mae I love you
Always have and always will
You know if you ever need me
I'll be rolling down from these hills
I am proud to call you Momma
You are family forever and a day
And as GOD as my witness
I wouldn't have it any other way*

Don Spence

Don Hillbilly Spence sr - November 10, 2023 at 05:57 PM

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“ *I've told everyone my entire life I had 2 Moms. A white one and a black one. Jessie Mae was family from the time I was 5 years old. She fed me,helped me when I needed a hand,always a true friend. If I misbehaved it wasn't telling on me. She tore my breeches up just like my white Mom. Her presence will be greatly missed by many. Love,Don.*

Don Hillbilly Spence sr - November 10, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae Benton.*



November 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae Benton.*



November 10, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *Tyler R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jessie Mae Benton.*

Tyler R. - November 10, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jessie Mae Benton.*

November 09, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *I love you Grandma. I miss you dearly. May you REST in PEACE. I'll never forget your voice. I listen to our videos over & over. Thank you for always loving me unconditionally.*

Kenya Benton-Bryant - November 09, 2023 at 04:58 PM

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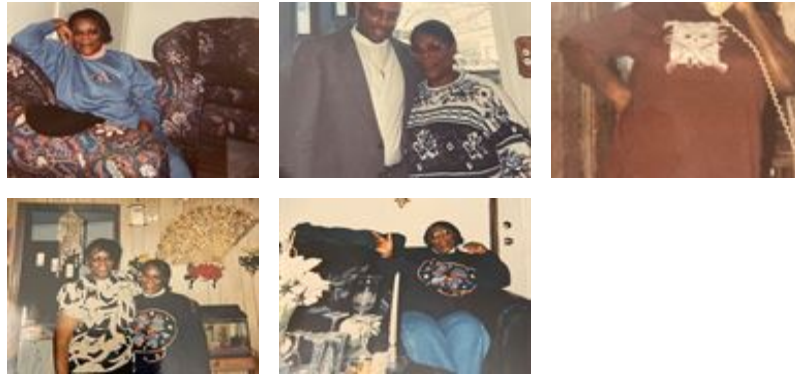
“ Iris Branch sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie Benton



Iris Branch - November 09, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 08, 2023 at 02:29 PM