



Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)

April 15, 2021

Although her birth certificate reads 1932, Bessie Mae Taste (née Hilton) was actually born on April 5, 1931 in Manning South Carolina as the third child of Wheeler Hilton and Marie Rantin. She married Robert Taste and raised five children in Teaneck NJ. Robert, her husband of 51 years, died in 2006.

Bessie was a active member of Shiloh AME Zion Church in Englewood NJ, where she served as President and Secretary of the Church's Nurses Club. Bessie was also involved in the Church Women United Organization serving as Corresponding Secretary of their Englewood Chapter and was honored as Valiant Woman of the Year. Bessie retired from Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck. She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the nursery for 47 years. She had previously worked as an LPN at Roper Hospital in Charleston SC and Jamaica Hospital in Queens NY.

Bessie is survived by two children, Luther "Kinlee" Taste and Ronnie Lee Taste. She is predeceased by her Sons Joseph "Willie" and Anthony Albert Taste and her Daughter Robsene "Budda" Brown. Bessie leaves behind several grandchildren. They are Joseph Jr., Michelle, Anthony Albert, Rita Victoria and Steven Frederick Wheeler Taste. Takicia Otero, Shontae Teaste and Kemadi Brown. She is predeceased by Granddaughter Kwana Brown. Bessie is survived by her Sisters Helen King, Betty Singletary and Lucille DeJesus. She has been predeceased by her Sisters Beulah Scott, Clara

Lemon and Ruth Lopez as well as Brothers Simon and Willie Hilton.

Family and friends will be received Thursday, April 22, from 11AM to 12 Noon at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ. A funeral service in celebration of Bessie's life will be held at 12 Noon at the funeral home. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. For further information please visit Bessie's tribute page at www.volkleber.com.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church, 129 William Street, Englewood NJ 07631

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Service

APR 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 03:42 PM

LT

There is a glitch with the technology. Video cannot be viewed. Service will be recorded and can be watched later.

Lori Taste - April 22, 2021 at 12:21 PM

SC

Rest on Auntie 💕

Shiela Gathers -South Carolina - May 18, 2021 at 10:52 AM

SG

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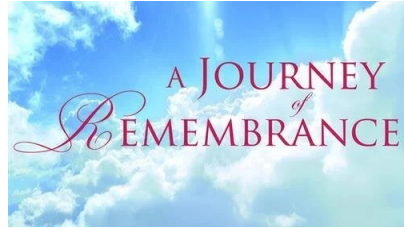
DM

*From Bright Side Manor Staff and Friends.
Just heard of your loss. Our prayers and condolences to Bessie's Family and Friends. Bessie was part of our Family here at Bright Side Manor for many years. We have missed her. Her earthly work is done and she will do service in the House of our Lord.*

Dee McDonagh - September 13, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Bessie Mae Taste (nee Hilton)

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ I have great memories of visiting Grandma in Teaneck, talking sports, and having her come to a few of my track meets when they were at Teaneck High School. Her macaroni & cheese was and will always remain legendary. May she rest in peace.

Rita - April 22, 2021 at 11:39 AM

LG

“ To The Family of Sister Taste,
I would like to extend my condolences to your family. I called her one of my "Silver Foxes", a name I give to the elders of Shiloh AME Zion Church of Englewood, NJ. Sister Taste always brought wisdom, joy, laughter, and grace to our membership. She will be missed, highly favored and always loved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Glosson

Linda Glosson - April 22, 2021 at 11:24 AM

CH

“ I remember my aunt as never having any fear of public speaking. I remember her as being very proud of where she came from and what she achieved in life with her family. Rest In Peace Aunt Bessie. Love Candace, Taylor, and KJ.

Candace Hilton - April 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM

ST

“ Had very good memories in Teaneck with my grandmother Bessie. I hope she rests well.

Steven - April 21, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DC

“ *Saddened to hear of Mrs. Bessie's transition. My condolences to her family and friends. I will always remember her kindness and sweet spirit. I remember how she would privately bring to your attention the errors of your ways with firm concern, nurturing and kindness just as your mother or grandmother would. Grateful to God for her being in my Christian journey via Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church and Church women United.*

Rest in peace Mrs. Bessie.

Praying for comfort & safe travel for all.

Sincerely,

Faye Cooper



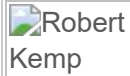
D. Faye Cooper - April 21, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Praying for God’s blessings and comfort on all the family of this wonderful lady. I have memories of her kindness shown to me and my family. May God grant her eternal rest in Jesus! 🙏💜✝️
 Rev Robert F. Kemp

Robert Kemp - April 21, 2021 at 12:36 PM

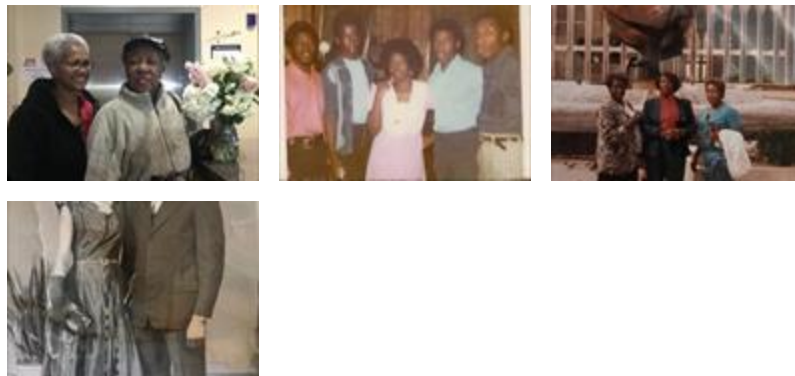
MT

“ Peace & Joy into your eternal life. Your cousins in South Florida always cherished our times together. Your efforts to make our family reunions prayerful & full with memories & joy. Your cousins awaits your arrival. What a reunion of cousins Plumey Thompson, Jennie T. Kemp, John Albert, & Willie Lee Thompson. To the family continue to pledge: Be Prayerful Be Blessed Be Thankful Be Happy. Much Love to all cousin Mary Lil Thompson & family, Pembroke Pines, Fl.

mary thompson - April 21, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Family



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 20, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Teaneckbeans*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ *Bessie will be missed by my family. When my son was born Bessie was the angel in the nursery to receive him after birth. God filled Bessie with joy and peace that she shared with me for many years. I thank God for the time we shared at Shiloh or my visits to here home. Her love lifted me, memories of her happiness and caring are everlasting.*

JoEllen Bostick

JoEllen Bostick - April 19, 2021 at 12:14 PM

SY

“ *To Family of Ms. Taste*
I was a recent new member of Shiloh just before Ms. Taste was not able to continue to attend Sunday's services. We sat down from each other and I enjoyed always connecting with her every Sunday. I was fortunate to visit her once with the children from the church. She was lovely lady and friend,

Steve Yelity

Stephen Yelity - April 17, 2021 at 11:59 PM

LT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lori Taste - April 17, 2021 at 05:19 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ron - April 17, 2021 at 04:41 PM

AT

“ *I thank God for your Grandma. I'm thankful that I got to visit frequently & spend a lot of time with you. You always brought to joy to me & everybody that was around you. Your friendly personality & the joy that I felt while I was in your presence will always live on within me. I'll always remember watching basketball together or whatever was on television, talking about our family history, being together at family functions, the holidays spent together & just enjoying each other's company talking together. It was always worth the trips on public transportation it took to be able to visit you. You will be greatly missed. The memories, your personality that gave me great joy, your kindness, & your presence will always live on within me.*

I love you Grandma

Anthony Taste - April 16, 2021 at 09:32 PM

AH

“ *Bessie and I were friends for many many years . I have wonderful memories of times with her . I thoughts and prayers are with you*
Arianna Hampton

arianna Hampton - April 16, 2021 at 05:08 PM