



Steward Bessie W. Bolden

August 10, 1926 - August 21, 2024

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Bessie W. Bolden was born August 10, 1926, in Monticello, Florida to the parentage of Johnnie Williams and Rosa Tillman.

Bessie was united in Holy Matrimony to James Lee Bolden on March 13, 1944. To their union, four wonderful children were born. James and Bessie remained inseparable for more than seventy years until his passing in 2017. She was indeed a loving and devoted wife to her husband and an amazing mother who stood as an enduring source of love, support, Godly example, and comfort to her children.

As a result of her passion to care for and nurture others, Bessie began her career in the healthcare industry. She became a Nurse's Aide and worked tirelessly for many years caring for others.

Bessie really loved the Lord. Her walk with God was evident in her everyday living, both in her household and her local church. She and her husband James, joined Ward Chapel in 1945. There, she was an active and dedicated member and served in many capacities. You could say her belief was, whatever the Lord was doing in the season, she did not want it to be done

without her. That sentiment rang true as she humbly, willingly, and graciously served in the ministry as a Steward, Missionary, Choir Member, Class Leader, as well as a member of the Friendly Tens Ministry Group.

Bessie was also very active in her community and discipleship was always on her heart. She always encouraged others to get to know Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and would often be a source of encouragement or words of wisdom. In the Winter Park Community, she was known for her gentle smile and caring spirit. She spent many years working with the Ideal's Women's Club to better her community.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Steward Bessie Bolden was called home to be with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her Father, Johnnie Williams; Mother, Rosa Tillman; Husband, James Lee Bolden; Sons: Willie James Bolden, Sr. and Eddie J. Bolden; Brother, James Williams; Sisters: Annie Thompson and Mary Simmons; and Grandson, Willie James Bolden, Jr.

She leaves to rejoice in her homegoing, Son, John Bolden (Blanche) of Windermere, Florida; Daughter, Betty Anderson of Maitland, Florida Daughter-in-law, Dianna Bolden of Kernersville, North Carolina; 9 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, 8 Great-Great Grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pineywood Cemetery

1810 S. Lakemont Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32803

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
160 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sincere regards to Bolden Family as Mother Bolden moves to a new home with our Lord & Savior. I have precious childhood memories of Bolden family who lived around the corner from our family who lived on DePugh St & my dad also attended Ward Chapel church. I extend greetings on behalf of my late dad Mr Charlie Fairure family. May God Bless your family
Sherry Fairure-Nichols
Warner Robins GA

Sherry - September 18, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JB

“ I am very sure that the sparkling zest for life that Mrs. Bolden shared, will continue within each and every person that she touched. My condolences to you, Betty and John. Take comfort in knowing that you cared for her faithfully through her latter years.

Julia Barber



Julia G Barber - September 09, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PC

“ To Betty, John and family my condolences to Bolden family to a special person close to my heart love you and you will be missed to a godly women RIP

Phyllis D Cooper - September 06, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JR

“ Jacquelyn Robinson lit a candle in memory of Steward Bessie W. Bolden



Jacquelyn Robinson - September 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM

FL

“ Condolences to the Bolden family on the loss of Mrs. Bolden who was always kind to me.

Fairolyn Livingston - September 06, 2024 at 05:52 PM

TF

“ The Williams, Walker and Brooks Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Steward Bessie W. Bolden.



The Williams, Walker and Brooks Family - September 05, 2024 at 09:19 PM

MD

“ Betty, John & The Bolden Family,

Sending our sincere condolences, love & prayers for God's Grace and the love you'll shared with your mom Mrs, Bessie 🙏❤️🙏
She will be truly missed by all that knew her.

Mary Daniels & Family

Mary Daniels - September 05, 2024 at 09:02 PM

AF

“ Andrea "Angie" and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steward Bessie W. Bolden.



Andrea "Angie" and Family - September 03, 2024 at 12:31 PM

PD

“ Paul, Kimberly and Danyelle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steward Bessie W. Bolden.



Paul, Kimberly and Danyelle - September 02, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Steward Bessie W. Bolden.



September 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karina Chandler - September 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ I had a praying Grandmother.... Your prayers, and living example of a woman of God a true Proverbs 31 Woman will live in my heart, walk, talk, and purpose each day on this earth. I love you so much Grandmother, thank you for your love, faith, classy fashion sense and amazing home cook meals! You and Granddaddy’s legacy lives. Give Jesus a big hug for me!



Karina Chandler - September 01, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ **MONICA DENISE SCOTT** lit a candle in memory of Steward Bessie W. Bolden



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - August 28, 2024 at 08:58 AM