



Bertha Mae Stanford

December 29, 1934 - October 6, 2025

Reflections

Bertha Mae Stanford was born on December 29, 1934 to the late Harry Rufus Demby, Sr. and Mabel Hicks Demby. She departed this life on October 6, 2025 peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware.

She was educated in the Queen Anne's County School System where she attended Kennard School in Centreville, MD. Her journey of faith led her to become a member of Earles Chapel A.M.E., where she was baptized.

Bertha dedicated over thirty years to the hospitality team at the Gunston School in Centreville, MD. She also worked part-time for the Queen Anne's County Commissioners office, from where she retired after ten years of faithful services.

Bertha later devoted twenty-two years to the Aspen Institute Wye River in Queenstown, MD. There she hosted prominent influential people including Presidents, Prime Ministers, and other national leaders. The Aspen Institute is where she was affectionately known as "Cuddy B" and "Momma." She was loved by her girls Sheree (Winky) Hutchins, Carletta (Tink) Ryans and Takiyah Barney. Bertha fostered a family-like environment with her colleagues with

whom she enjoyed spending time, sharing stories and loving on the grandbabies.

Bertha found her greatest joys in life's simple moments. These included caring for her beloved husky, Queen, tending to her cherished flowers, and collecting "Snowbabies," which she saw as little heavenly angels. Her legendary Christmas tree, to which she added a new ornament every year, was a source of great pride and tradition. Most of all, she cherished time spent with family and friends, especially recounting childhood memories with her nephew, Harry (Butch) Demby.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James L. Hynson, with whom she shared the blessing of six children. She was also preceded by four of their children - Margaret "Muffie" Gibson, James, Jr., Shirley K., and Charles E. Hynson - as well as by her second husband, Harry E. Stanford, and her beloved brother, Harry H. Demby.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Sterling Hynson, Sr. and daughter, HESSIE HYNSON, both of Centreville, MD; grandchildren, Carroll "Teddy" Gibson, Sr., (Shannon) and Terry Gibson, both of Centreville, MD, Cherae Ensor (Keith) of Atlanta, GA, Trina Cain (Carlos) of Centreville, MD, Mello Summer of Baltimore, MD, Charles Hynson, Jr. (Dinea) of Glen Burnie, MD, Tanea Hynson of Fort Meade, MD and Sterling Hynson, Jr. of Ridgely, MD; sister-in-law, Gladys Demby; twenty-four great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD 21617

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

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608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BC

“ *Condolences to Ms Bertha's family. I remember her from her time working for Queen Anne's County.*



Billie Carroll - October 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

SP

“ *Sharon Perkins lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford*



Sharon Perkins - October 19, 2025 at 09:40 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - October 18, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LJ

“Precious In The Sight Of The LORD Is The Death Of His Saints!”
(PSALM 116:15).

Blessings & Prayers!
Lorraine Jenkins & Family (Philippians 4:13)



Lorraine Jenkins - October 18, 2025 at 01:21 AM

TC

“To the family-I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. I remember Mrs. Bertha coming into JCP in Easton with her daughter. She was a very sweet woman. My prayers are with you all during this time.



Tanya Camper-Greene - October 17, 2025 at 09:36 PM

CR

“Carolyn Rochester lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Carolyn Rochester - October 17, 2025 at 11:15 AM

VF

“Veronica Fenwick lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Veronica Fenwick - October 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM

TG

“ Tracey Griffin lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Tracey Griffin - October 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ Lee And Frederick Ryans((Buck) lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Lee and Frederick Ryans((Buck) - October 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

RB

“ Robin Brown lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Robin Brown - October 16, 2025 at 04:15 AM

AH

“ Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Alfreda Henry - October 15, 2025 at 10:08 PM

SH

“ I will forever love my Cuddy B. She was my favorite girl. I will miss our phone calls and our comical chats. My prayers flow to rest of the family. My heart is so broken. 💔



Sheree Hutchins - October 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

CS

“ Charlotte A Scott lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Charlotte A Scott - October 15, 2025 at 11:49 AM

TW

“ TAMA WILMER sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



TAMA WILMER - October 15, 2025 at 10:17 AM

TW

To The Family,
You have my Heartfelt Condolences.

TAMA WILMER - October 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JF

“ Janet Pauls & Family lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Janet Pauls & family - October 15, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 15, 2025 at 08:18 AM

JN

“ Joe & Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mae Stanford



Joe & Jeannie Nickens - October 14, 2025 at 08:49 PM