



Gertrude Bordley (Stevens)

April 27, 1918 - January 20, 2019

Gertrude P. Bordley, gained her heavenly wings, surrounded by family, on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the age of 100. She was born on April 27, 1918 to the late Edward and Caddy Stevens of Parkers Chapel, Maryland, Delaware. She attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary School in Camden-Wyoming, Delaware and Booker T. Washington School in Dover, Delaware.

On September 21, 1933, Gertrude married the late Elder Fred Bordley, and they were married for over 50 years. From this union, they were blessed with ten children. She served as a cook for the Holy Cross Catholic Rectory of Dover, Delaware for a number of years. She was also employed as a Foster Grandparent in the Caesar Rodney and Capital School Districts where she provided nurturing for many students for over 20 years. Later, she was made an “honorary member” of the Foster Grandparents Program.

She was a member of M. F. Chase Unity Memorial Church where she was a licensed Missionary and served as President of the Missionary Board. She was also an honorary member of the Senior Choir, Mother of the church, and former First Lady.

Gertrude had a passion for cooking, which she passed on to her children and grandchildren. She was affectionately known as “Mom Mom” by her

grandchildren and “Nana” by her great and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to Gertrude’s parents, she was preceded in death by her three brothers and four sisters; her children, James Oley, Charles Edward, Dorothy B. Moore, Beatrice Tolson, John Bordley; and a grandson, William E. Bordley, Esquire.

She leaves to cherish her memories two sons, William Bordley, (Lillian) Wyoming, DE; David Bordley, (Linda) Dover, DE; three daughters, Anna Quail, with whom she lived, Dover, DE; Doris Watson, (Herb) Hockessin, DE; and Helen Scott, Dover, DE; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great grandchildren; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In addition, the following people had a special place in her heart: Shirley Pettyjohn who provided her with her “special” lotion when her health began to fail, Joan Cronis and Dana Sharpe who took her out to lunch for her birthday every year since they worked together in the Foster Grandparent Program, and Dr. Jack Milligan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: M. F. Chase Unity Memorial Church, 16 Vanessa Drive, Dover, Delaware 19901.

Cemetery Details

Sharon Hills Cemetery

Sharon Hill Road
Dover, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

M. F. Chase Unity Memorial Church
16 Vanessa Drive
Dover, DE 19901

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM.

M.F. Chase Unity Memorial Church

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - January 27, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. She will be truly missed. She will be in our prayers as well as her family. God Bless.Dr. Holgado, P.J, and Karen

January 25, 2019 at 12:04 PM

HE

“ I am sorry for your lost. I enjoyed talking to her on the phone. She was there for us when my grandmother passed out. I pray that God will comfort you on this day.

Hope Evans - January 25, 2019 at 09:23 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 61:1,2 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - January 24, 2019 at 01:54 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of Gertrude. It's rare to find people who live to be 100 years of age. Please note the words of Psalms 90:10, "The span of our life is 70 years, or 80 if one is especially strong. But they are filled with trouble and sorrow; they quickly pass by, and away we fly." Life is short. Gertrude was very strong to reach the age of 100. Eternal life in Paradise awaits her. (Luke 23:43)

Phyllis Watson - January 23, 2019 at 08:19 AM

JO

“ Dear Family, Grief can be so hard at times, but our cherished memories help to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God's promise at (Revelation 21:4).

joyceA - January 22, 2019 at 05:47 PM

HS

“ My deepest condolences in the loss of Mrs. Bordley, a Lady and Loving Mother! Willie Brown, and Family, WHHS '66.

Heartfelt Sympathies - January 22, 2019 at 03:27 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - January 21, 2019 at 06:34 PM