



Louvinia Edna Phillips

December 12, 1920 - November 4, 2024

LOUVINIA PHILLIPS' HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Louvinia Edna Schoolfield Teagle Phillips, lovingly known as Mama Lou, was born to the late Mattie Schoolfield and Robert Teagle in Stockton, MD on December 12, 1920. At the amazing age of 103, she peacefully departed this life and received her eternal reward on November 4, 2024 at her home with her daughter.

She was raised by her aunt and uncle, the late Hester and Isaac Teagle, and grew up with her first cousins. Martha Bivens, Elizabeth Robinson (twins), Dorothy Spence, Florence Purnell (twins), Emma Burton and Fred Purnell who were more like siblings (preceded her in death) as well as Wanda Melton (Harlan) of Capitol Heights, MD. While she attended school, she taught her "brother" Fred Purnell, who was unable to attend because of farm duties, to read and write. Mama Lou received her education in the Worcester County School system having had her classes in the historical Sturgis One Room School. In her young life, she was an avid athlete participating in volleyball, running track and holding the position of catcher on her softball team.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late Oscar Mason and was blessed to expand her extended family with children who preceded her in death, Esther Bagwell, Ella (Snooks) Schoolfield and Charles (Hoss) Collins.

She was again united in holy matrimony by the late Reverend Isaac Jenkins, Sr. to Howard Phillips who preceded her in death after six months of marital bliss.

Louvinia began her Christian walk at an early age and joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Pocomoke, MD under the leadership of Reverend R. L. Jackson, Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. and now Pastor Jermaine C. Scott, Sr. She became President of the Gospel Choir and held the position for seventy years. She was the last surviving member of the "original" Gospel Choir who have now welcomed her home in celebration with the Heavenly Gospel Choir. She was also a member of the Missionary Circle, Back Home Club and Pastor's Aid. Louvinia was an active, dedicated and faithful servant until God called her home. She celebrated and rejoiced in church the day before her passing.

After living and working in Delaware and New York, providing care for babies and their families, she returned to Pocomoke City where she became a certified foster parent through Wor-Wic Tech Community College. She mentored and was a foster parent for over twenty-five years. She also became a certified nutritionist and was employed with the SHORE UP! Inc. Project Head Start beginning in May 1971 where she made meals for generations of children. Before her retirement from SHORE UP! Inc., Louvinia had been employed by them for nearly thirty years. One neighbor shared the sentiment, "Mama Lou raised a whole town."

She was an active member with the Pocomoke Senior Center. She enjoyed making blankets and pillows for the less fortunate who often included the homeless, babies and seniors. "Mama Lou," who was affectionately given this moniker by her "niece" Evette Bivens-Curtis, would visit nursing homes regularly to hand out lap blankets or just to sit and talk with a resident who

might not receive any visitors. While she was able to drive, she assisted others in getting to church, doctor's appointments and even helped with shopping. She was a quiet person who ministered in her own way. She was slow to accept praise, never wanting to draw attention.

Louvinia leaves cherished memories with: her two daughters, Donna Belote of Pocomoke, MD and Elizabeth Phillips of Fort Washington, MD and three grandsons, James Layne, Tyrone Crippen and Jarron Crippen. She had an amazing bond with her nieces, Evette Bivens-Curtis (Walter) of Westover, MD and Flora Ann Priester of Pocomoke, MD, cousin, Malinda Tull of Unionville, MD, and her play daughter, Elizabeth Marshall of Pocomoke City, MD and a host of relatives and friends. In addition to previously mentioned loved ones, four brothers preceded her in death: Levin Teagle, Philip Teagle, Robert Teagle and Benjamin Teagle.

The late Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. best described the services of Mama Lou by stating, "She is unshakable and remains faithful to all that she has dedicated herself to and is a role model for the ladies of our day."

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater New Macedonia Baptist Church
518 Young St
Pocomoke City, MD 21851
(302) 613-8765

Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pocomoke High School
1817 Old Virginia Road
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pocomoke High School
1817 Old Virginia Road
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM

A square logo with the letters 'IJ' in a simple, bold font.

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family of Ms. Lou. I am happy that I was blessed to have met her. Thank you, Liz, for creating those memorable opportunities for me. The family love that consistently surrounded and enveloped her was a beautiful thing to behold. May God bless and comfort the family now and always.*

Ivy Jernigan - November 16, 2024 at 11:43 AM

AC

“ I chose to light a rose candle in memory of Miss Louvinia Edna Phillip s, because she is one of the rarest flowers you'll ever find, she was a one of a kind. I can remember her as far back as 1971 when I was just lil child spending my entire summers with my auntie, which was one of her good friends. I remember going shopping with them, church with them, out to eat, I even would go to work with them. For a long time after I had move from pocomoke I didn't see her, one Sunday we had an afternoon church service and who did I see, yes Miss Louvinia, she never forgot who I was, she gave me a hug with that beautiful smile I always saw her wear. I have never seen her without that contagious smile of hers, a smile that could light up the world, it was so pretty and bright, I think she helped the Lord create the sun and the moon, shining so bright. The Lord was surely good to her and now she has received her reward that she so much deserve. I'm not gonna say goodbye but I will say , "see you later" my rare and precious rose, every time the sun shine I'll think of you and your beautiful smile shinning down on us from heaven.



Amanda Collins - November 16, 2024 at 12:02 AM

PC

“ Mama Lou was a beautiful, generous, and loving woman of God. Oftentimes, my dad spoke of her and how she helped Grandma (Ethel Mason) take care of (raise) him and his siblings. Years ago, all of them lived in Rabbit Gnaw (Stockton). Those memories remain in my heart. Mama Lou was a 'Mother' to many. Her life was exemplary of the Agape love of God. Her smile and generosity was felt by many; she was her brother's and/or sister's keeper. May she rest in peace from her labor. I send heartfelt condolences to Liz and the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Paula Collins - November 15, 2024 at 11:11 AM

SP

“ I learn a lot from you Ms. Louvinia, the Traditional way, in which the world and some do not want.

You have seen it all in your life time. You were blessed with a good life.

You're at rest with GOD-ELOHIM now. Waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. May the peace of GOD be upon you. 🕊️🕊️🙏🕊️🕊️
Love ❤️

Sincerely,
Sheila Palmer

Sheila Palmer - November 15, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MH

“ Maria Harris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louvinia Edna Phillips.



Maria Harris - November 15, 2024 at 02:19 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louvinia Edna Phillips.



November 14, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louvinia Edna Phillips.

November 14, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BP

“ To the Family of Mama Lou Phillips: My friend, Mama Lou Phillips, was a wonderful woman of God, who every time you saw her she had a radiant infectious smile on her face will be dearly missed.. Here was a woman who loved God and who demonstrated her love for Him through her faithfulness and devotion, more so than any young person. . It was an honor to know her and to serve with her on the Gospel Choir, and to share apart of her life.. Though my heart was saddened to hear of her transition from earth to bright glory, know that she is in a better place, where there are no more tears or sorrow or death for the former things are passed away. .My prayers are with the family.

brenda peterson - November 14, 2024 at 12:39 PM

CD

“ Miss Louvinia was a wonderful person and she had an adventurous and stubborn spirit. Fly free miss Lou.

Claire E. Desautels

Claire Desautels - November 14, 2024 at 11:30 AM

LM

“ Lorrie C. Mills lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips



Lorrie C. Mills - November 14, 2024 at 01:05 AM

SF

“ Seryta & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Louvinia Edna Phillips.



Seryta & Family - November 13, 2024 at 10:34 PM

AW

“ Ansheai Waters lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips



Ansheai Waters - November 13, 2024 at 10:24 PM

AW

“ To : The family Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. May your mother's spirit continue to shine brightly in your heart and may you find peace in the memories you shared. Sending you love and praying for strength. Love , Brian & Ansheai Waters

Ansheai Waters - November 13, 2024 at 10:23 PM

SH

“ Samantha Marie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips



Samantha Marie Hodges - November 13, 2024 at 02:20 PM

RY

“ *Rita Young purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Louvinia Edna Phillips.*



Rita Young - November 13, 2024 at 02:18 PM

BS

“ *Betty L Schoolfield lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips*



Betty L schoolfield - November 13, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DL

“ *To my leading lady, you will always be my guiding star in the sky, thank you for each and every lesson that you've taught me and every memory that we shared!! you will always be in my heart until we meet again, number one, Grandson Danny*



Dr jayvon Layne - November 13, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TF

“ Tracy (Kane) Lofty-Brown and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Louvinia Edna Phillips.



Tracy (Kane) Lofty-Brown and Family - November 13, 2024 at 03:43 AM

RJ

“ Earth has no sorrow, that heaven can't heal. Words cannot express how I feel, right now, hearing about the passing of Mama Lou. Mama Lou, was such a jewel and to know her, is to love her. My father often said, Mama Lou had the prettiest smile and gentle spirit,. Also, how she led the Gospel Choir for years and there was never a problem, she did a phenomenal job with the choir. Liz, please know that I am just a phone call away and you know your big sister, has your back. I am so glad you shared her with us and I was able to see her the last time I was home. Mama Lou is with her Bishop, First Lady and the Gospel Choir. Mama Lou, sleep on take your rest, give mom and dad my love. Evette and , Donna and the rest of the family, God has you and he will never leave you. Mama Lou, see you in the morning. Let's celebrate you on Saturday, because you deserve it.

Rotunda Jenkins - November 12, 2024 at 09:51 PM

MH

“ Mable Holden lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips



Mable Holden - November 12, 2024 at 01:31 PM

TL

“*Mrs. Philips, thank you for walking in God’s light. God had truly gained an angel. You will be greatly missed but your spiritual presence and what you meant to so many people, will live forever! (-Tracy (Kane) Lofty-Brown and family)*



Tracy (Kane) Lofty-Brown - November 11, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MT

“*Malinda Tull lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips*



Malinda Tull - November 09, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“*I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mama Lou. A lady who knew me before I knew myself. I will always remember her smile and her quiet disposition that she always maintain. I remember in my formative years at Macedonia, her reading the "Sick List". Mama Lou always kept the church informed on the sick and shut-in, in our community and abroad. Mama Lou, was true to her calling. When I was a young girl, I didn't understand that but looking back over the years, I thank God because she "served well". I will always remember her commitment to God, to her church, and to the people of God. Her tender and godly character was matchless. A Life Well Lived.*

Tamela Wise - November 07, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LW

“ *Very saddened to hear about the passing of Mother Phillips. I extend my sincere prayers and condolences to the family. We will treasure the many precious memories shared and will always treasure her many years of service.*

*Lloyd Ward
Minister of Music
Shiloh U. M. Church
Crisfield, Maryland*

Lloyd Ward - November 07, 2024 at 05:51 PM

VJ

“ *Better known by many, Momma Lou will be sorely missed. She and her daughter Elizabeth, were a staple on my family's home for holiday dinners. Her pure and authentic life and spirit was eminent of the "good neighbor" and "church mother" that she was. Take your rest Momma Lou. Hug my momma and sisters for me. Fourth and Laurel will never be the same.*

*Valerie Jones-King
Salisbury, MD*

Valerie Jones-King - November 07, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - November 07, 2024 at 08:48 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra N Barbara lit a candle in memory of Louvinia Edna Phillips*



Cassandra N Barbara - November 06, 2024 at 10:55 PM