



## Mildred Lee Bailey

August 4, 1935 - May 9, 2020

### HER LIFE'S JOURNEY

Mildred Lee Bailey departed this earthly life into eternal rest on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Coastal Hospice on the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland. She passed away due to complications related to cancer.

Mildred was born to the late Allnut and Essie Reid on Sunday, August 4, 1935 in Willows, Maryland. She was the 6th and last child born to her parents. As a child, she was given the nickname "Mutt" by her brother and that nickname stuck with her for life. She often talked fondly of her childhood and told stories of how she and her siblings had to walk to school. Sometimes they took a shortcut and walked through the woods. "Mutt" loved playing on her father's tobacco farm with her siblings and helping her mom with chores. She also LOVED pretending to be a teacher. As a child, she attended Plum Point United Methodist Church where she first came to know her Savior Jesus Christ. Mutt loved Calvert County! And she visited back home whenever she had a chance.

Mildred attended Plum Point Elementary School. In 1953, she graduated from Brooks High School in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She graduated from Bowie State Teachers College (now known as Bowie State University) in 1957 as an elementary education major. While at Bowie, she was a point guard on the

basketball team, a very competitive ping pong player and was crowned homecoming queen in 1957. It was at Bowie that she met the love of her life, K. Maurice Bailey. They were married in 1958. After graduation from Bowie with her BS degree, she matriculated at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, University of MD College Park, and Salisbury University. She earned a Master's Equivalency.

Mildred's first teaching assignment was at Brooms Island Elementary School in Calvert County. After getting married and moving to the Eastern Shore, she taught at the segregated Salisbury Elementary School located on Lake Street.

After integration in Wicomico County, she taught at Beaver Run Elementary and Pemberton Elementary. Mrs. Bailey, as she was known by her students, taught 2nd and 3rd grade during her teaching career. In the teaching profession, she was loved by her students and her colleagues. On her dying bed, she stated she loved all the children she taught or guided along her journey in life.

Mildred retired at the young age of 46 in 1981, but continued to be active in her family and community. She helped to raise all three of her grandchildren by watching them while their parents went to work. She accompanied her grandchildren on field trips and even babysat two of them every day, despite them being only five months apart! She also became more active in church. Her main passion in church was working with youth. In 1999, she formed the infamous Lambs of God Praise Group. The Lambs of God performed at several events, nursing homes, banquets and church functions throughout the Eastern Shore. The Lambs of God were truly a ministry! Once this group retired, Mrs. Bailey continued to conduct special children programs at church.

Mildred was a member of the Elsey United Methodist Church in Jesterville, Maryland where she held the position as a Communion Steward and youth

leader. She previously held the position of church treasurer, usher and youth leader as a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Nanticoke, Maryland until it was closed. She was a member of the Wicomico Retired Teachers Association, where until recently, she held the position of the Secretary of the local association. She was also a member of the Maryland State Retired Teachers Association and the Lower Shore Bowie Alumni Association. Mildred would let you know that she was a twenty (20) plus year cancer survivor and was a supporter of the American Cancer Society. She truly enjoyed participating in the annual Relay for Life until her health began to fail.

Mildred was a strong woman of faith who loved her Lord and her family so much. She was truly a virtuous and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, teacher, church member and friend. She has left a such a legacy of love, loyalty and strength.

Mildred was preceded in death by her siblings, Alluntt Reid Jr, Gladys Sewell, Leslie Reid and Jesse "Nick" Reid.

In addition to her beloved husband of nearly sixty-two (62) years, K. Maurice Bailey, Sr., she is survived by: her son, Kenneth "Kent" Bailey, Jr. (Mona); daughter, Michelle Hardy (Michael); three grandchildren, LaToya Bailey, Micaela Williams and Kenneth "K.B" Bailey III; two adorable great-granddaughters, Caelyn and Reagan Dennard (she was so proud of all of her children and grandkids). She is also survived by her best friend and oldest sister, Beatrice "Jane" Fletcher, her sister-in-law, Florence B. Lanham and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Michelle and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Sandra Windsor** - May 16, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ I perceived and will forever remember this profoundly warm LADY, MILDRED BAILEY, to be one who was all the way LIVE, and all the way LOVE. I will miss her. Clifford A.

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**Clifford A. Brooks** - May 16, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RJ

“ We can't know why some things happen...but we can know that love and beautiful memories outlast the pain of grief. And we can know that there's a place inside the heart where love lives always...and where nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten. Those we cherish will always live on in memory. She was a wonderful person and she will truly be missed."With Deepest Sympathy"Ruth A. Jones

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**Ruth A. Jones** - May 15, 2020 at 08:35 PM

AB

“ Michelle and family, Expressing deepest sympathy and sharing in your Sorrow in the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of her and saw her many times when my mother and she were getting their hair done together at the same time at the same salon. She was a sweet lady.May God be a source of strength and comfort to you during this most difficult time. Let all the wonderful memories help sustain you.Ann Beauchamp

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**Ann Beauchamp** - May 15, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TB

“ Mrs. Bailey was such a sweetheart and will be greatly missed. My heart hurts for her family. May God wrap his loving arms around her family and give them peace. In Gods love, Tammy Bollinger

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**Tammy Bollinger** - May 14, 2020 at 07:00 PM

AB

“ Michelle & family, Sorry to read of your Mothers\u2019 passing. She was a sweet lady and I saw her many times when she and my mother got their hair done at the same salon. Expressing deepest sympathy and sharing in your sorrow. May God be a source of strength and comfort to you during this most difficult time. Let all the wonderful memories help sustain you. Ann Beauchamp

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**Ann Beauchamp** - May 14, 2020 at 05:14 PM

VN

“ Mrs. Bailey was my 2nd grade teacher at the then Salisbury Elementary School . That school is now Chipman Elementary School on Lake St. in Salisbury, MD. Mrs Bailey has always been my favorite teacher in life. She didn't just teach me reading, writing and arithmetic, she taught me life lessons for a 7 year old. I loved her dearly! Take your rest, sweet lady. You were indeed a gentlewoman. Vicki Roberts Nutter

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**Vee Nutter** - May 14, 2020 at 01:43 PM

WC

“ Ms. Bailey has been a constant friend to our family as far back as I can remember. Through working with my father, church services in my mother’s home church and community events she was always around my family. We thought of her as family! Throughout the years she was always there whenever a member of my family passed away to offer comfort and support. She was a lifesaver for me when my mother, father and husband died. She took care of details that I couldn’t, she held my hand and she provided a shoulder for me to lean on. I want to offer her family my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy. Ms. Bailey was such a loving woman and she will be missed !Love, Wynnette Curtis and Family

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**Wynnette Curtis** - May 14, 2020 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ Thinking of you and your family during this time of sorrow. Prayers for comfort and strength from our Lord. With deepest sympathy, Lisa M

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**Lisa Merrick** - May 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KA

“ Such a beautiful spirit of a woman, mother, wife and friend. I thank god I had the time @ Christmas to spend with you. I made a promise and I’ll keep it. Thank you so much for excepting me into this family, showing me love and trusting me. Love you Aunt Mildred! RIP to a strong fighter! You will be greatly missed. Katina Jones-Fletcher

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**Katinajn@aol.com** - May 13, 2020 at 06:08 PM

PH

“ Prayers and fond memories to the family. Ms Bailey was a wonderful person. Her life will always be a bright spot in my life. She will be lovingly missed. Her commitment to the Lord assures her eternal rest. Be encouraged and know that God is with you all.  
Phyllis Evans HardyNanticoke, MD

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**Phyllis** - May 13, 2020 at 06:06 PM