



## Pearl Lofland

November 10, 1931 - February 17, 2017

Pearl Elizabeth Batson Lofland was born on November 10, 1931 in Bridgeville, Delaware. She was one of fifteen children, and the first girl born to the late Hattie Ricketts and Jeremiah Batson.

Her siblings are Louis {Roslie} Batson and George Mckinley {Vanessa} Batson. The sisters are Doris Anne {Jural} Butler, and Shirley Mae Batson. Brothers in law the Rev. Donald {Mildred} and Joseph Hamilton. Sisters in law, Mary Hilton, Verna Johnson, Doris Batson, Rev. Idola Batson and Beulah Brown. Deceased siblings are: Alfred, William, Tom, Charles Batson, 'Martha President, Addie Bolden, Mary Virginia, Cook, Grace and Jerry Batson. Pearl was married to Leon Lofland Sr. for 67 years, and through this reunion there are five children. Jeannette {Pete} McCray, Leon Jr. {Gerlandine} Lofland, Decease Edward {Diane} Lofland, Samuel {Roslie} Lofland, and Cleoria {Cecil Jr.}Ramsingh.

She had an abundance of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was a bus driver for 37 years for Caroline County School District she also worked with Bennie Smith Funeral Home. She became a self-employed bus owner until 2002 when she retired. She was a volunteer at the ABC Center and became their financial manager. Due to illness she had to retire.

Her Christian journey began at Bethel and she has been a lifelong member there where she served on the usher board. GOD was always her first love.

Achievements and Awards: Board member of the Community Civic League also receiving an award in 1989, Appreciation Award for outstanding service from the ABC Center, Black List Award in 2013, We Care Bus and Truck Organization Award in 1998, Martin Luther King Award in 2012, Life Time Achievement Award from the Sisters of Abundant Power in 2014. Her last words to others: Let the work I have done speak for me, all for the glory of GOD.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Pearl Lofland, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

VD

“ *Ms Pearl was a wonderful lady. I use to work for her at the daycare and she treated me so kind. She will be missed by so many. Rest in loving peace Ms Pearl.*

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**Valerie Dobson** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Pearl. You will truly be missed.*

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**Kimberly Purnell** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Prayers for the family. What an amazing woman who did so many amazing things for the children of Federalsburg.*

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**Doris Maser** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *To the Lofland Family, I extend to you my condolences. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, and my Aunt. Please know that you Uncle Leon, Cleo, Duke and Geraldine, and the rest of the family are in my prayers. I pray God's comforting presence over you all.*

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**Veronica Baynard** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family and friends during a most difficult time. I know your hearts are grieved over the loss of your loved one. Know that death was never a part of God's original plan for mankind. We were created to live forever in perfect health with peace and happiness. Rest assured that His plan will be fulfilled. Revelation 21:3,4 speaks of the time when all things will be made new. All the things that cause outcry and pain, along with sickness and death will be done away with forever. John 5:28, 29 gives us the hope of seeing our loved ones again. Knowing this can bring a measure of comfort and peace. John 5:25 says, " The hour is coming...when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who have paid attention will live." What a wonderful time that will be. As you gain comfort from God's word, continue to support one another during this difficult time.

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**A.C.** - February 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. It's at times like this when we realize how fragile life can be. May you find comfort and support from family and friends during this difficult time. Much comfort and a sure hope can also be found in God's Word, the Bible. For example, Jesus promises us that one day all those who have died will come back to life again (John 5:28, 29). What a glorious day that will be. God's Word also tells us that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is why life will be as God meant it to be when His promise is fulfilled where He says that all the pain, suffering, and even death that mankind has experienced for thousands of years will be gone forever (Revelation 21:3-5; Isaiah 25:8)! The earth will be a beautiful place with beautiful people enjoying life as it was meant to be (Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). When you feel up to it, I encourage you to look these scriptures up in your own Bible and experience the comfort and sure hope that only God can give (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George Ragusa** - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM