



Roberta M. Potts

February 20, 1946 - January 22, 2016

Roberta Smith Potts was born February 20, 1946 in Alliance, North Carolina to the late Benjamin F. Sr. and Viola Smith. She passed away peacefully on January 22, 2016 surrounded by loving family members and nursing staff at Bay Health Hospital in Dover, Delaware.

She was preceded in death by two children, Roberta (Candy) and Cornell; and one brother, John. Her late parents relocated to Delaware in 1952 where Roberta spent all of her life.

Roberta was educated in the Delaware Public School System, attending Thomas D. Clayton Elementary School (Smyrna); Booker T. Washington Junior High School and William Henry Comprehensive High School, both in Dover. In elementary school, she really enjoyed dressing up and wrapping the May Pole. She received special recognition by the William Henry High School Alumni Association in 2004.

Roberta worked sporadically in numerous positions over the years including the Rodney Hotel; Nichols and Matthew Smith Bus Company. Her marriage ended with divorce. She has four living children. Roberta loved life and she had many friends. She enjoyed spending time with her many nieces and nephews, encouraging them to do well while appreciating whatever they were doing.

Roberta was reared in the church, attending Kenton AME Church participating in Sunday school, singing in the choir, and ushering. She was active in Emmanuel AME Church as an adult. At the time she became ill, she was a

member of Zion AME Church; Camden-Wyoming, Delaware where she sang on the choir and ushered. Roberta's hope of being baptized in a natural body of water was realized in 2013 when The Rev. Keith Boomer baptized her in the Atlantic Ocean on the beach at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, Delaware. Beach goers were awed clapping and saying "That's the way it should be done" or "I've never seen that done before". Roberta was wrapped only in a white garment and she came up from the water as the hymn, "Wade in the Water", was being played by trumpeter, Norwood Coleman, Sr. It was a blessed day for her.

Roberta was a caring, sensitive person. She was nicknamed "Bert, Ms. Bert, or Potts". Bert's moods were transparent and she had no difficulty expressing her feelings. At one point she gave Snoopy, her dog, to the SPCA out of exasperation. She visited him every day and took him back home because she did not like the way he was being treated at the SPCA. Bert took care of Snoopy many years thereafter. Finally he got sick and died. It was not too long after Snoopy died that Bert became sick.

Roberta leaves to cherish the memories of her life: one son, Anthony (Tony), a daughter-in-law, Nicole; three daughters, Sharelle, Cornelia, and Tammy; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Left with precious memories of their baby sister are two sisters: Elizabell (William); Alice (Norwood, Sr.); and five brothers: Benjamin, Jr.; William (Shirley); Matthew (Rosa); James (Dorothy); and Thomas (Luvenia); and many nieces/nephews; great nieces/great nephews and great/great nieces/great, great nephews. One aunt, one uncle, and many cousins as well as her friends will cherish fond memories of Roberta. The family recognizes all friends who visited our dear relative at Silverlake Nursing Home, Capitol Nursing Home and at Bay Health Hospital during the course of her illness. We are especially grateful to her friend, Sandra Wilson, who rarely missed a day visiting Roberta at Bay Health Hospital. We thank God for all the prayers for our dear relative's life and now we pray that her soul will rest in peace.

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Death is truly an enemy to mankind, but Almighty GOD promises that HE is going to remove death, sickness and pain in the near future. (Revelation 21:3&4) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and look forward to the fulfillment of Acts 24:15, which tells us about the resurrection hope. May your entire family be comforted and blessed at this time.

Doretha Sampson - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our Aunt, Our Sunshine

*Black Bert is what she called herself
It was always said with such strength and confidence where you
knew she was a proud Black Woman.*

*She was like the sun
Could light up any room
that she walked into*

*Like the wind
Could feel her presence so soft,
strong and full of love*

*Like a storm
Always knew when she had arrived*

Again...Black Bert is what she called herself.

*She always called your name with so much love
Gave you the biggest hug with a smile to match*

Taught us how to be strong and how to NEVER give up

...Our Aunt, Our Sister, Our friend!

*Life will never be the same without you but we will carry on as you
would tell us to. We will keep you in our hearts always and honor
you each day. Thank you for giving so much love. Thank you for all
the breakfasts, all the dinners, all the nights we sat up talking,
laughing, and crying. Thank you for all the stories, and advise. Most
importantly thank you for always keeping it real.*

*We know you fought a mighty battle but it was time for the Lord to
call you home. As we miss you , we know you miss us.. its Goodbye
for now but not to worry we will see you again.*

Love Your nieces

Alice Marie - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Our prayers will be with you today and always. Now God has another angel.*

*Sorrowfully Submitted,
Leslie Lynch and the Hackett Family.*

Leslie Lynch - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Extending deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. Please take comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out (John 5:28,29). Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of Roberta warm your hearts.*

A. Wingfield - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

M Jones - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tony and family,

My heart and prayers are with you in this time... thank you for letting me be such an important part of your mothers life.

"Patti" ... Tricia Leidy - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM