



## Bessie Mae Owens

June 11, 1935 - November 1, 2014

Mrs. Bessie Mae Bowens daughter of the late Nathaniel Massey & Mrs. Lizzie Mae (Yarbough) Massey was born on June 11, 1935. She departed this life on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in Charlotte, NC

Bessie at an early age accepted Jesus Christ and attended Grace A.M.E Zion church in her earlier years. Bessie was a graduate of Second Ward High School, she later moved to Bronx, New York where she continued her education in nursing. Her 25+ years of nursing gave her the expertise to work with the homebound and the elderly.

On October 5, 1993 she was awarded by the Bronx borough president a Citation of Merit for her exceptional service in caring for the homebound and elderly.

She had a world view of religion, she accepted bible study with Jehovah Witness and Seventh-Day Adventist. She was faithful in bible studies.

Bessie was loved and respected by many, she never met a stranger. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and joke around.

Bessie was generous with a giving-spirit and loved helping others. Bessie enjoyed watching her favorite westerns on TV.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory 3 daughters: Cecelia Massey, Amelia Massey and Venida Bowens-Bellamy (Linwood) all of Charlotte, NC. 2 Sons: Gerald Phillip Woodard, Derrick Bowens (Bonita) also of Charlotte, NC, six grandchildren, Mereida Kiser (Marvin) of Boynton Beach, Florida, Keilan Bowens of Greensboro, NC Kyrah Talford, Brittany Bowens of Charlotte, NC

Euchitha Wilson, Gerald Woodard Jr of Brooklyn NY and niece Constance Glenn of Charlotte, NC

Very special friends Darlene Fraser of Concord, NC and Judy Beasley of Toby Hanna, Pennsylvania, She also leaves behind a host of family and friends to cherish her memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace AME Zion Church  
3722 David Cox Road  
Charlotte, NC

## Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Swain Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bessie Mae Owens.*



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**The Swain Family** - November 07, 2014 at 06:35 AM