



Bessie Caroline Sheppard Nichols

March 1, 1928 - February 3, 2025

Bessie Caroline Sheppard Nichols was born on March 1, 1928, in Robertsville, Missouri, to the union of Clarence Joseph and Arbra Marie Moore Sheppard. Her parents, 6 sisters, Arbra, Barbara, Josephine, Julie, Ollie, Dorothy, and 2 brothers, Sam and Robert, preceded her in death.

Bessie attended Drake School in Robertsville, Mo. The family moved to Webster Groves in 1939. Bessie went to Douglass school, her being the oldest child, left school, which was common for the eldest to do during that time frame in life. She got a job working domestically for various families (past and future) who adore her, and began the journey of becoming independent and taking care of herself, and became "That Girl!" and oh what a girl, was she!

She met a neighbor's cousin, Nick, fell in love and married. To this union, no children were born. Marriage ended. Bessie moved on with her life and was "That girl" ("Mrs. Bessie"). She was smart, pretty, single, independent, fun loving, didn't take "no mess!" And was highly respected!

Bessie worked for Algonquin golf club and the Kirkwood School District as a custodian from where she retired in the early 2000s.

Motherhood for Bessie came later in life, at 35 years old! She had a son named

Willard. Later, Willard presented her with grand and great grandchildren. Bessie was a wonderful mother and granny. She was "That Girl!" In July, 1981, "That Girl!" Bessie joined Old Community Missionary Baptist Church in Webster Groves, Mo. Under the pastorship of Pastor Isadore Maney, she helped in the kitchen and sung in the choir. She remained faithful to her duties until her health prevented her from doing so.

The good Lord took her into his embrace on February 3, 2025 at 2:20 am. Rest our dear one, for your laboring is over. You will always be in our hearts forever...

Bessie leaves to cherish her loving memories...

One son, Willard; two granddaughters, Stacy and Valondra; one grandson, Willard Jr.; three great-granddaughters, Shyniece, Daiysha, and Antonia; two great-grandsons, Amare and Christian; one sister, Arnita; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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