

In Loving Memory of



Mildred B. Dessau

February 16, 1938 - June 16, 2019

**Memorial Service
Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Cotton Funeral Service
130 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey**



*Precious
Memories*



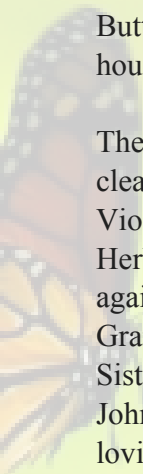
Obituary

This is the story of **Mildred Brown Dessau**. She was a wonderful woman that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. Our “Nnenne,” as she liked to be called by her grandchildren, “Mil,” as she was also called by her sisters and brother, was an amazing wife, mom, daughter, sister and friend.

Mildred’s story starts on February 16, 1938 the middle child to Johnnie and Viola Brown. Mildred was born in Smithfield, Virginia. She attended Isle of Wright Training School where she graduated salutatorian and then went on to attend St. Philips School of Nursing in Richmond, VA. Where she developed a passion for mental health nursing.


She moved up north to Brooklyn, NY where she met and married the love of her life, Donald Wesley Dessau. The two love birds migrated over to New Jersey at first residing in East Orange, NJ and then settling in Orange, NJ. She active participant Headstart program, taught future nurses at Orange High school and volunteered at NJ Performing Art Center in Newark NJ. Mildred work as a psychiatric nurse for many years at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ. She finished her nursing career at the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, NJ.

Mildred was renowned for her cooking and baking skills. She prided herself on making the best Mac and cheese, fruit cake watermelon rind pickles. Everyone always knew they would have plenty of homemade delicious food to eat. She was an avid gardener paying special attention to her butterfly bush, tomatoes and



sunflowers. She was often referred to as Madame Butterfly as she loved them so. Her theme throughout her house was anything butterfly.

The butterfly has now flown to heaven. Butterflies that cleared path for Mildred is her husband Donald, mother Viola, father Johnnie, sister Warthell and brother Herbert. Butterflies that will miss her until they meet again are her children Melanie, Millicent and Shauna. Grandchildren Mitchell, Camille, Matthew and Jonathan, Sisters Lola and Augusta (Gussie), Brothers Milton and Johnnie Jr, a multitude of loving in-laws and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.



Order of Service

(Family Members Seated)

Musical Prelude
“God is Good-Regina Belle”

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Music Selection
“Get Here-Oleta Adams”

Reflections

Obituary

Music Selection
“Going Up Yonder”

Recessional

*Like a butterfly emerges
And unfolds its graceful wings,
A child grows and develops
With the love a mother brings.
I'm thankful for the times
When you encouraged me to try,
For God gave me my wings,
But, Mom, you taught me how to fly.*

Author: Robin Fogle



Acknowledgement

The family of **Mildred B. Dessau** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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