



If tears could build a stairway,  
 and memories a lane.  
 I would walk right up to Heaven  
 and bring you back again.  
 No farewell words were spoken,  
 No time to say "Goodbye".  
 You were gone before I knew it,  
 and only God knows why.  
 My heart aches in sadness,  
 and secret tears still flow.  
 What it meant to lose you,  
 No one can ever know.  
 But now I know you want us,  
 to mourn for you no more.  
 To remember all the happy times,  
 life still has much in store.  
 Since you'll never be forgotten,  
 I pledge to you today~  
 A hallowed place within my heart  
 is where you'll always stay.

*Mom I Miss You*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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# *A Celebration of Life for Mildred Bessellieu*

December 29, 1948 - July 15, 2021



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**FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 - 11:00 AM**  
**Cotton Funeral Service**  
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*Emory Lee, Organist*



## Obituary

Mildred “Mickey” Bessellieu was born on December 29, 1948, in Trenton S.C. to Susan Neal who proceeded her in death.

She began her elementary schooling in Trenton, then she moved to Queens, NY when she was 8 years old. She continued and completed her education in NY. She graduated from Jamaica Vocational HS in 1967. She had a few jobs before beginning her professional career as a telephone operator for NY Telephone Company which later became Verizon.

She married Charles Bessellieu Jr. in May of 1971. They had two beautiful children. They decided to part ways in 1979, but they remained the best of friends until she went home to be with the Lord. She retired from Verizon in April of 1996. She relocated to New Jersey in 2010 and that is where she resided until the Lord called her home.

Mickey had a difficult childhood, but she was a resilient woman, and she overcame any obstacles in her way with the help of the Lord. Mickey’s mother-in-law Argolder Bessellieu who proceed her in death and the rest of the Bessellieu family embraced her as their own and they became her family.

Mildred leaves to mourn, her daughter Chalise Bessellieu-Williams (Maurice Williams-proceeded her in death), her son Shawn Bessellieu Sr. (Caprice Hancock). Mickey was a beloved mother to so many children besides the two she raised on her own, and they all loved her like a mother. She refused to see any child on the street because that is how she lived. So, she always accepted anyone into her home no matter what the circumstances. Mickey loved to bake cookies and brownies for her family and friends. She

also had a gift of crocheting the most intricate blankets you have ever seen. She never wanted to sell them for any monetary gain, she just wanted to give them to people that held a special place in her heart. We pray that her blankets comfort each one that has received one of her “blankets of love”. Mickey was the rock, heart and soul of this family and she will be truly missed.

She left behind her beloved grandchildren: Shawna Adam-Bessellieu, Shapria Hancock, Marisa Williams, Shatiara Bessellieu, Jeremiah Williams, Isaiah Williams, Shawn Bessellieu Jr., and Shaniya Hancock-Bessellieu. 1 beloved Great-grandson: Cameron Sean Jackson, 1 beloved Godson: Robert Hampton, and her best friend Rosemary Hampton Her beloved siblings: Clarissa Coston (Arnold Coston), Rene Stevens-Snead (Bernard Snead), (Vondella Garris, Clayton Stevens, Henry Stevens and Elliot Stevens-proceeded her in death). Her Beloved Nieces and Nephews: Antonia Coston, Aaron Coston (proceeded her in death), Aquila Coston, Assad Coston, Ahmad Coston, Akeem Coston, Brittany Stevens, Andre Dixon, Royce Stevens, Amirah Snead, Mona Burleson-Jones, Trina Burleson-Barwicks, Lyman Bessellieu Jr, Raymond Bessellieu, Shamell Bessellieu, Jason Cox, Shamel Price, Shaneaka Long, Allan and Anthony Settles, Victor Cox Her beloved In Laws: Lyman Joiner Bessellieu, Raymond Bessellieu, Michael Drake, Shirley Brockman, Stephen Johnson, Mona and Wanda Brown, (Odessa Cox, Horace Burleson-proceeded her in death). Her Beloved Fostered Children: Tara Allen, Tavaughn Crawford, Jamillah Riquad, Ickime Knowles, Thomas Bellinger Jr., Lamont Young, John Jefferies, Torey Griffin, Aneesa Wilson, Alexander Mackie And a host of Great-nieces, Great-nephews and Friends.

## Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort: Minister Glendale Barr-Lewis

Old Testament – Isaiah 41:10: Sister Tikesha James

Selection: I Stood on the Banks of Jordan

Poem: Our Mama: Chalise Bessellieu- Williams

Selection: I will Always Love My Mama

Old Testament – Psalm 23: Reverend Shirley P. Brockman

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 53-56: Minister Ralph Lewis

Remarks: 2 Mins. Friends and Family

Selection: One Wing by Jordan Sparks

Reading of the Obituary: Pastor Bertha Scott

Acknowledgements

Eulogy: Pastor Gary Scott

Prayer of Repentance

### **Pall Bearers**

Shawn Bessellieu Sr.	Lyman Joiner Bessellieu
Isaiah Williams	Lamont Young
Shawn Bessellieu Jr.	Jeremiah Williams

### *Interment*

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, NJ