



## Mrs. Ophelia T. Anderson

February 14, 1944 - February 12, 2016

Ophelia Thweatt was born February 14, 1944 in Disputanta, VA, to the late Milton and Addie Thweatt. She was introduced to the Lord at an early age and was baptized at Union Branch Baptist Church in Prince George, VA.

Ophelia was educated in the Prince George County, VA public school system, graduating from JEJ. Moore High School. She moved to her adopted hometown of Alexandria, VA over 50 years ago, where she met and married the love of her life of over 46 years, Raymond Edward Anderson. This union birthed three sons Bruce, Erik, and Raymond "Andy", Jr.

Ophelia joined Ebenezer Baptist Church and was a dedicated member for over 40 years. She loved her church and church family. Ophelia was an active member, participating in various ministries; Dorcas Club, Usher Board, Ebenezer Women's Ecumenical Choir, and Sister's with a Purpose (SWAP). She was also very supportive of the Children's and Youth Ministry.

Ophelia was employed with Western Electric (AT&T) in Arlington, VA until they relocated. She continued her employment by accepting a job with the Alexandria Public School System. Ophelia worked at T.C. Williams High School for 20 years, as a hall monitor/school security. She was well liked and respected by the many students and faculty she worked with throughout the years. Ophelia retired from the school system in June, 2010. After a few years she returned to work for the school system as a bus monitor for disabled children. Her warm smile and caring nature endured her to the children as well as her coworkers. Ophelia also worked as a teacher's assistant and group leader for the Campagna Center.

Ophelia aka "GG" (Gorgeous Grandma) to her grandkids and family was a kind and gentle person who always welcomed people with a smile. She was always willing to help anyone. GG loved to talk, offer advice and words of wisdom. She enjoyed gardening and took pride in the appearance of the beautiful flowers and plants in her garden. In her spare time

she enjoyed word searches puzzles and solitaire (the only time she turned on the computer :-).

GG loved her family unconditionally and was a pillar of strength for the entire family. GG loved her "6Granz". She was supportive of all their activities and boasted with pride about their accomplishments. She was truly a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

In the early morning hours on Friday February 12, 2016, God made the call and she answered. She peacefully entered eternal rest at her residence.

GG leaves to cherish and honor her memory, her loving and devoted husband Raymond E. Anderson, Sr; three sons: Bruce, Erik (Donna), Raymond "Andy", Jr. (Maria); six grandchildren: Brittany Master, Ian Baylor, Brianna Harvey, Kyra Anderson, Erik Anderson II, and Asa Anderson; four brothers: Roosevelt Thweatt (Gloria), John Thweatt (Sammie), Fred Thweatt (Janet), Clarence Thweatt (Mattie); three sisters: Addie "Evorn" Thweatt, Mildred Thweatt, and Blanche Thweatt-Stephens (Bernard); mother-in-law Loretta Anderson; five sisters-in-law: Dorothy Nicholson, Elizabeth Spriggs (Thomas), Kathleen Thweatt, Francine Thweatt, and Harriet Thweatt; one God-daughter, Kaisha Caple and "adopted" daughter La Donna Williams, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in passing by her parents, Milton and Addie Thweatt; sister Lottie Bass; four brothers: James Thweatt, Charles Thweatt, Alexander Thweatt, William Thweatt; and two sister-in-laws Jean Thweatt and Charlene Thweatt.

Ophelia demonstrated remarkable strength and faith in God until He gave His Angel her wings to fly away.

Well Done, GG, Well Done!

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 So. Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
909 Queen Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## funeral service

FEB 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Mrs. Anderson must have known something was wrong with me. She asked what's wrong. I cried and she hugged me. It was like she knew I needed a mother's hug and I did. I will forever be grateful to have known her. A very special person

Dilly Styles - February 18, 2016 at 11:19 AM

VB

“ Mrs. Anderson was a wonderful/ loving women ,I remember when I lost my mother and she kept me together making me feel like my mother was holding me and was still in my presents . I will never forget the talks and her beautiful smiles. Mrs. Anderson (GG) you will be missed and I will never say good bye, I'm going to say I'll see you again. Our hearts are broken but we all know God just gained a BEAUTIFUL ANGEL, Love you GG Hugs & Kisses. Anderson family I will keep you in my prayers.

Victoria Branch - February 18, 2016 at 08:35 AM

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“ Mrs Ophelia was a sweet lady I've known for some years when I come to church she always have me a hug I will miss her deeply



Wendy Henderson - February 17, 2016 at 09:22 PM

CJ

“ Clarissa Mary Ann Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia T. Anderson



Clarissa Mary Ann Jones - February 17, 2016 at 07:26 AM

PF

“ i loved Sis. Ophelia's sweet quiet spirit. She will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

Paula J. Ferguson - February 16, 2016 at 09:39 PM



*I worked with Ms.Anderson for several years. Such a sweet lady. She used to talk to me @ my coworker like a second mother. My sincere condolence to the entire Anderson family.*

**Kendra Belk** - February 17, 2016 at 07:21 AM

LG

*We all are going to miss Sis. ophelia. Over the last few years we had developed a bond, especially when my husband and her brother was battling the same illness. She was such an inspiration to me in more ways than one. I loved her as a sister. She will be greatly missed, but I know she is resting in the arms of Jesus and there is no better place to be. My sincere condolences to the entire Anderson family.*

*Laurestine Gerald*

**Laurestine Gerald** - February 17, 2016 at 12:43 PM



*To The Anderson Family, I will truly miss Mrs. Anderson just seeing her beautiful smile as I would walk in the church, always made me smile, even when I was in a mood. Just seeing her smile at me would be all that I needed. Even when became ill and would be at church she still had that lovely smile on her face. My deepest condolences to the family. I will truly miss her.*

*Michelle R. "HILLS" Curry*

**Powerp Hills** - February 17, 2016 at 02:56 PM

DM

*Ms Ophelia had an impact on so many of us with her sweet spirit, smile, and hugs. Through her trials she still encouraged you. To say she will be missed is an understatement. To the Anderson Family, may you find strenght in God in your time of breavement.*

*Diane Charity-Marshall*

**Diane Marshall** - February 18, 2016 at 07:50 AM

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*Ms. Ophelia was a beautiful person who's presence was a ray of sunshine witnessed by everyone who came through those church doors and was greeted with that smile. To Deacon Anderson and Family, know that she has left this world of sorrow and free from pain and now rest in the Blessed Savior's Arms.*

**Ann Irby** - February 18, 2016 at 10:15 AM