



Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley

February 15, 1930 - March 11, 2021

On February 15, 1930, in Louisa Virginia, Gertrude and Custer Willis were blessed with the birth of their second child, Virginia. Early on, as the family grew, Virginia was surrounded by the love and support of family, friends, and neighbors. Treating people like family became the most important priority in her life.

Virginia received her education in the Louisa County School System. After high school, she moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where she met and fell in love with Thomas Bentley. They were wed on March 26, 1949. From this union came Patricia and Brenda. She made home feel special to everyone who ventured by or, who came and stayed, to get on their feet, always warm, loving, comfortable, and inviting. And many stayed for extended periods throughout the years. You were always welcome and greeted with, "Are you hungry", "we have chicken, greens" ...whatever was prepared. Your stay was never too long. Virginia made sure home was spotless and comfortable. The floors alone, were vacuumed several times a week to make sure they were up to standards. She took pleasure in seeing everyone blossom, especially family. She took pleasure in babysitting, well, everyone. Affectionately known as "Ginia", "Aunt Gin Gin", "Babe", and "Mother Bentley", to mention a few of the loving names given by those who adored her.

While tending to her young family, Virginia took work as a domestic and in a

factory. In the early 1970's, she found employment with the federal government where she worked until retirement. When her youngest went off to college, willing to take on new challenges, she learned how to drive. Driving opened the possibility of other pursuits, like water aerobics and family visitations, vacations.

Virginia gave her life to Christ, was baptized and became a member of Bethel in Louisa. After marriage, she became Catholic, later, her spiritual journey led her to Zion Baptist, where she loved to sing in several choirs including the Choral Ensemble. After attending a seminar, the Lord led her to join the Community Praise Church where she is a long-standing member and a deaconess. Virginia loved the Lord. She believed in the power of prayer and wanted everyone to have a closer walk with God. As the strength in her body started to diminish, she had a way of lifting you when you came to lift her, "God is good", "I am glad you came." "How are you Darlin'?" "I love you." Her "Darlin" as only she can say it, made you feel special and loved. She wanted to know "What cha know good?"

Virginia departed this life on March 11, 2021. She is preceded by her husband, Thomas Bentley and daughter, Patricia Pitts. She is survived by her daughter Brenda, grandsons, Michael, Patrick, Brandon and Trevor, great granddaughter, Lillie, Sister Clara Carr, along with in-laws, nieces, nephews, a multitude of friends, coworkers, and neighbors that love her dearly. Her gentleness touched all who knew her. God's grace shown through her. Many have been touched and will continue to be touched by her example of love and faith.

Previous Events

Walk through Viewing only

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Praise 7th Day-Adventist Church
1400 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22301

Live Streaming Link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/85633906>

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A MASK MUST BE WORN to enter the Church

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Interment

MAR 22 (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery
6600 So. Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Private Family Service

MAR **22** (ET)

Community Praise 7th Day-Adventist Church
1400 Russell Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - March 18, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JG

“ I wish to first offer my sincere condolences to my Aunt Clara, cousins Maxine, Penelope and Jay. Aunt "Gin Gin", as we all affectionately referred to her, was a very sweet gentle spirit. Her words were few but her acts of kindness great.

I can remember the countless times that I arrived to South Payne Street, Alexandria, Va only to find that my Uncle Johnny and Clara were not at home. Only knowing a few families on the street, I immediately went to Aunt Gin Gin's and Toms'. They always welcomed me with open arms and treated me as if I were an immediate part of their family. They offered me food, drink and good conversation until my relatives had a arrived home.

This warmth and generosity shall never be forgotten. Aunt Gin Gin shall never be forgotten as long as we think of her and share of ourselves in a similar way; with sincerely, honesty and generosity.

May you find peace at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jonatha C. Gatewood

jonathan gatewood - March 21, 2021 at 10:34 PM

TM

*Brenda and family this Brother Moon (Thomas Moon) from CPC Church. I just want you all to know how truly sorry I am for passing of your mom and family member. But also to ensure you that GOD Himself finds absolutely NO pleasure in the death of His Saints. And the promise of CHRIST is those who trust in Him, He will not leave or forsake. So if ever you need a friend, of ever you need someone to talk with, if ever you need peace in your soul, if ever you comfort of heart GOD in CHRIST and in by The Power of THE HOLY SPIRIT is waiting for your call and invite. Allow Him to do for you at such a time as this, that no powers on earth can do. Remember GOD is too good to be Unkind, and far too Wise to make a Mistake. So trust His ❤️ heart when you can't trace His hand.
Your friend in CHRIST, Brother Moon.*

Thomas L Moon - March 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

YH

“ Your Friends at HRCI purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley.



Your Friends at HRCI - March 20, 2021 at 09:12 AM

LR

“ Louise, Joyce & Romaine purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley.



Louise, Joyce & Romaine - March 19, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley.*



March 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley.*



March 18, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia W. Bentley.*



March 18, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *My deepest condolences Brenda on the passing of your mother. My the many wonderful memories of her comfort you and the family. R.I.H.P Mrs. Bentley.*

Sandra Grimes Jones - March 18, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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“ *Condolences on the passing of your mother. May the strength of you and family keep her memory alive as she transitions to an ancestor.*

V. Iriarte

V. Iriarte - March 18, 2021 at 01:58 PM