



Bessie Marie Tapley

April 14, 1928 - July 1, 2022

Bessie Marie Tapley, 94, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2022 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis following a brief illness.

She was born on April 14, 1928, in Albany, Kentucky, a daughter of the late William "Bill" Lee and Myrtle (Means) Griffin.

Bessie was a long-time member of South Side Nazarene Church. She was known as one of the most understanding, kind, gentle, and non-judgmental Christian ladies who never said a hurtful thing about anyone. Bessie worked at Firestone and a local clothing company.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband and wintering in South Daytona, Florida. She loved Christmas and worked at a hotel in Florida for her "Christmas Money".

Those left to cherish Bessie's memory include a daughter, Kathy (James "Bud") Cowan of Mooreland; a step-daughter, Rhonda Tapley Swejkar of New Castle; grandchildren, Julie Hoskins, Dustin Cowan, Kindra Swejkar Lee, Keli Swejkar, Beth Tapley, Dr. Charles Tapley, Paul Tapley Jr., and John Bradley Tapley; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Coleen Cross of Muldraugh, KY, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Willie Allen Brown in 1971; her second husband, Estel "Bill" Tapley in 1991; a step-son, Paul Tapley; four sisters, Vinnie Murray, Ruby Curtis, Jessie Griffin, and Ginny Cross; five brothers, John, Wendell, Willie, Joe, and James Griffin, and a half-brother, Dewey Willian.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Tooley officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11:00 am until the time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the St. Jude's Children Hospital by Clicking Here (https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_dcm=58700006942402311&sc_cid=kwp&sc_cat=b&ds_rl=1285465&gclid=CjwKCAjw2f-VBhAsEiwAO4INeDIZm8L7tcQNZlg4sGHN00a3ZYAqkFYij4E0CFZXnZxQpVD5-MRZBhoCt-IQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Bessie Marie Tapley.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-6850

Previous Events

Service

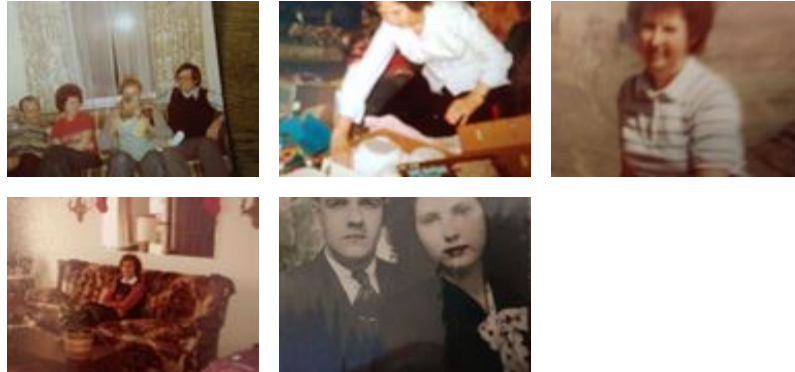
JUL 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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“ *My heart is with you in your loss and sorrow. Dorothy Solmos (niece)*

Dorothy Solmos - July 04, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DB

“ Bessie was a sweet loving person always nice to anybody she talked to . Gonna miss you . Danny Baker

Danny Baker - July 04, 2022 at 12:28 PM



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“ *Ira and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bessie Marie Tapley.*



Ira and families - July 02, 2022 at 03:48 PM