



# Bertha M. Congo

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**B**ertha Mae West Congo, 87, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at her daughter's residence in Mableton, Georgia. Bertha was born on February 24, 1935, in Dayton, Tennessee to the late Mr. Esco West and Mrs. Melvin Freeman West Holland. Her family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee where she attended Howard High School. Bertha was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church for 25 years. During Bertha's early years of life, she became a member of the NAACP and was inducted into the ELKS Lodge. She was a very active member for both organizations where she was dedicated and loved at heart. Our mother and granny were forever thankful, grateful, and appreciative to her employer Selma Cash Paty for 45 years of taking care of the home front. Pam, Charlie, Alexander, Ralph and Gaye who we love dearly, you will always be a part of Cheryl, Albert, Norman and Mario's life. Thank you for the love and support. Bertha was preceded in death by her sister, Joann West and Elizabeth West Bills; mother, Melvin Freeman West Holland. Bertha loved planting flowers and trees in her yard. Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl S. McKeldin of Mableton, GA; son, Albert Congo; grandchildren, Norman McKeldin (Pamela) and Mario (Melissa) McKeldin, great-grandchildren, Koby McKeldin, Anasia McKeldin, Mason Miller McKeldin, Tyree Morris, Maya Peterson, Ivy Johnson, Christian Bell, CJ Bell, and Heaven Bell; sister, Margaret West; devoted nephew, Robert Sloan; devoted friends, Veronica Peterson and Jacqueline Bell; a host of nieces; nephews; cousin; other relatives and friends. Reverend Priscilla Wallace will serve as the eulogist.



# Events

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## Lie-In-State

- Friday**, February 10, 2023
- 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



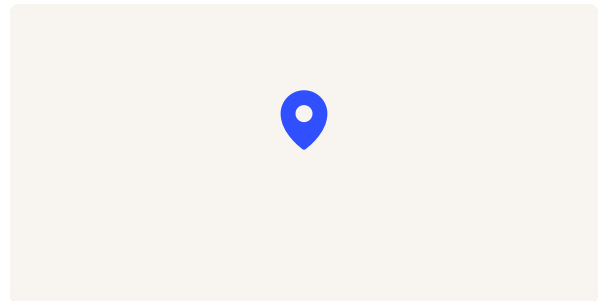
## Service

- Saturday**, February 11, 2023
- 1:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Burial

- Monday**, February 13, 2023
- 11:00 AM ET
- Highland Memorial Gardens**  
TN





# Tribute Wall

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**Joyce And Bundles Wadley** posted:

TO CHERYL AND ALBERT; MOOCHIE, MYSELF AND THE KIDS SEND OUR DEEPEST REGRETS AT THIS HOUR. MAY GOD KEEP AND COMFORT YOU ALL IS OUR DEEPEST PRAYER AMEN ...

February 15 at 10:08 AM



**Stacie West** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

We Love you Aunt Mae 🥹 Fly High 😊🙏👤

February 11 at 3:25 AM



**Leslie Andrews Tatum** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

February 10 at 5:06 AM



**Charles And Kerri Paty** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Congo family.

February 9 at 11:39 PM



**Michael Hall Aka Grandson Mike** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Congo family.

February 9 at 7:21 AM





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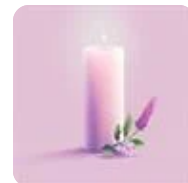
**Michael Hall** posted:

Writing this brings tears to my eyes. She will be truly missed. Norman is a best friend of mine. I spent many days playing with Norman at his granny's home as a kid. Mrs. Congo aka "Granny" treated me as though I was one of her grand kids. Her place was a home away from home. I give thanks to you Granny for treating me like one of your own. I can't tell you how many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches Norman and I shared. To this day, it was the best I ever had! Thanks again Granny! She was a great Mother and Grandmother. I'm sure she will be keeping a close eye on Norman and Albert and the rest of her family. Maybe from time to time you can look in on me as well. I been living in California many years now. Unfortunately, I didn't get to visit with her much since moving. I knew from Norman she had some health problems these last few years. I received a text message January 21st, and it read... "Yo man, I was trying to call you to let you know we put my grandmama in hospice. Thought you should know". After reading that text message, I instantly regret not visiting with her the last time I was in Chattanooga. I'm truly sorry. On January 31st I received a second text message from Norman and it read... "My beloved grandmother Bertha Mae Congo got her wings this morning at 1am. God is so good, :-), you can call me whenever you want, I'm at peace now". And from that moment I knew she fought the good fight and finished her race early Tuesday morning. Granny wish I could have been there to see you off on your next journey. Don't forget to check in time after time. Rest in peach "Granny" My condolences. Love grandson Michael Hall

February 9 at 7:11 AM

CB

**Comm. Greg And Pat Beck** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.



February 7 at 6:57 PM

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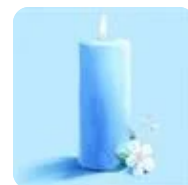
**Virginia Starks** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.



February 7 at 6:20 PM

YL

**Yvonne Lemon** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.



February 6 at 5:29 PM



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**Izella D Mckeldin** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

February 6 at 3:49 PM



**Laanita Gillispie** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

February 5 at 1:26 PM



**Terrone Arnold** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

February 5 at 6:59 AM



**TA** **Terrone Arnold** February 5 at 7:00 AM  
R.I.H.Auntie



**Jacqueline Jones-Miller** lit a candle in honor of Bertha.

February 1 at 6:11 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bertha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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