



Mrs. Devernice Perry "Kitty" Richardson

October 3, 1933 - December 30, 2012

Devernice Perry 'Kitty' Richardson was born to the late Quincy Perry and late Susie (Long) Whitlow on October 3, 1933. She was the baby child of eight siblings who included all of the late: Leonard Perry, Eddie Whitlow, Leroy Whitlow, Lucy Fowler, Earnestine Smith, Bernice Perry, Ella Belle Perry, and Rosie French.

Her family left Jackson and moved to Chicago when she was young. While she lived in Chicago, she met her husband, the late James Richardson. Prior to Kitty having her own son, she adopted her nephew, Bufford Perry and raised him. Kitty gave birth to James Richardson Jr., who preceded her in death.

Kitty owned a small restaurant while she lived in Chicago. Kitty and Bufford returned to Jackson, Tennessee around about the 1980s. She and Bufford moved in the Lincoln Circle and later moved to a home on Melwood Street. From Melwood Street, Kitty and Bufford moved on North Royal and then into the Baker Apartments on Lexington Street.

Kitty joined the First Baptist Church where she truly loved and enjoyed being with her church family. Kitty's health began to deteriorate so that she was not able to attend church and properly care for herself. Bufford was placed in Madison Haywood Department Service. Kitty was assigned an overseer for

her personal affairs which was her cousin Robert Scott. She was placed in McMillian Towers and then moved to the Mission Convalescent Home to receive around the clock care. During her stay at each of these homes, her niece, Deborah Knowles, would make frequent trips from Memphis to check on Kitty.

She remained in the Mission Convalescent Home until December 10, 2012. It was during this time that her health really started to deteriorate even faster. On Sunday, December 30, 2012 at 12:30 P.M., Kitty was called from her earthly labor to her eternal rest.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her son: Bufford Perry, One sister-in-law: Bernice Perry, of Jackson, TN. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, members of her church, the staff of the Mission Convalescent Home, and Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Lane Chapel Church Cemetery

4229 Brownsville Highway
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
433 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



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