



Bertha

King McRae



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THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE, LOVE & LEGACY

October 1, 1926 — August 19, 2026

BERTHA KING MCRAE *(Grandma, Berky, Berks, Lil, Aunt Lil)*

LIFE and LOVE: Bertha King was born on October 1, 1926, in Red Springs, Robeson County, North Carolina, to the late Edward King Sr and Kamel King. She was one of ten children born to Ed and Kamel King which encompassed 7 daughters and 3 sons. Grandma often shared memories of growing up in the King household. She always said: "Dad, (Ed King) was the disciplinarian. She would explain: "Mom would never get onto us. Mom was an only child and she had a tender heart for her children. Because of that she would always wait for dad to come home and tell him who needed correcting."

Bertha's parents raised all 10 of their children to be strong, hardworking and grounded in their faith. Grandma would always share that each sister had a WEEK to cook for the family. She would say my sisters Stine (Ernestine) and Floy were the best bakers and cooks. Their cakes were made from scratch and were so good, she would say, "They would melt in your mouth."

Bertha's parents were farmers, as was common during that era. Bertha helped her family with farming by picking cotton and tobacco. As allowed for the time Bertha was educated through the public school system in North Carolina.

On April 1, 1946, Bertha King and Julius McRae were united in marriage. From this union came 3 daughters: Kamell Dixon, Catherine Walker and Deloris Moore. Grandma often shared with us that each of her daughters were born at home and delivered by a midwife. She also recalled that Deloris was a breech birth which was very difficult but through God's grace, they both survived. We often talked about the modern medical advancements we have today; versus the medical care that she received back then.

Bertha later migrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In Philadelphia is where she found employment doing Days Work (private housekeeping). She loved shopping downtown at the big department stores: Wanamakers, Strawbridges and Macys.

For the remainder of her life Philadelphia Pennsylvania was her home, while she never, ever forgot that her roots were deeply centered in North Carolina. Bertha was blessed to watch her daughters' children, her great grandchildren, and her



great great grandchildren grow and flourish. From Philadelphia to New York to West Virginia to North Carolina to Texas; she watched her legacy reach far beyond the neighborhood streets of Philadelphia to the country roads of Texas. She was so very proud of everyone's achievements and accomplishments. They were, without a doubt, among the greatest expressions of her legacy.



With humble acceptance of God's will, on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, Bertha "Grandma" King-McRae transitioned to eternal rest to join those who had gone on before her. She was preceded in death by her husband Julius McRae, her parents Edward & Kamel King, her daughters: Kamell Dixon, Catherine Walker & Deloris Moore, her brother: Clyde King, Edward King Jr, and McArther King, her sisters: Ernestine Henderson, Bessie Edens, Reba Murphy, Floy Murphy, and Willistene Harrison; and her grandson: Lionel Jeremiah Walker whom she loved dearly.



Legacy-Far and Reaching:

There are those she leaves behind to honor, cherish and carry on Grandma Bertha's memories to include her 9-Grandchildren, 15-Great-grandchildren and 16-Great Great Grandchildren, her sister in law Oscar-Ray King, her son in law William Leroy Walker Sr.; and her special god daughter, Lynne Cook (who held a sweet place in Bertha's heart).



Verda Waldo (Aunt Verda) is Bertha's last living sibling. The 2 sisters talked each and every day. Bertha visited her sister. They celebrated their birthdays together. Verda loved her sister and her sister loved her. Verda has expressed how she will miss her sister, but she knows that her sister Bertha has lived a full and rich life beyond measure.



Bertha's family will forever carry her love, wisdom, strength and treasured memories in their hearts. Her life touched generations, and her legacy will continue through the family she loved.

Bertha's (Grandma) life was a testament to love, family, faith, strength, perseverance and legacy. Though she transitioned from this earthly life, the love she gave, the wisdom she shared, the memories she created and the legacy that was built will live on through each generation.

Submitted
with *Love*

Love Letter to my Lady

Dear Grandma(Woman),

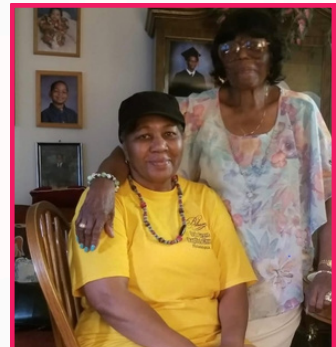
Not a single day will pass when I will not think of you. The world feels a little quieter without your voice. I am missing your voice on the phone, our conversations, your thoughts, advice and the way you always made me feel. The numerous times I slept on the couch, and we TALKED for HOURS.

Kamell didn't get to cook for you, you won't see Kourdell do his thing (as you called it) or wrestle, or see Keion graduate from nursing school. It's okay....we understand.

If I had to be selfish and ask God for just a little more time it would be for you to see your 100th birthday. It's okay.....I understand; I won't be selfish. Take your rest Woman, you earned it.

Love You till the End of Me,

Kim Lee



Processional

Final Viewing and Closing of the Bier

Hymn -How Great Thou Art Medley by JOE PACE

Prayer- ELDER DORRAN KING,
UNITED FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY, ASHVILLE, NC

Selection

THE GOODNESS OF GOD BY CECE WINANS

Scripture

PSALMS 23, KOURDELL TODD,
ENCOURAGERS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HUNTINGTON, WV

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 51-58, ELDER DORRAN KING,
UNITED FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY, ASHVILLE, NC

Obituary Reading by HURIYA EDENS

Remarks- FRIENDS & FAMILY

Selection

GOD IS BY REVEREND JAMES CLEVELAND

Words of Comfort
ELDER DORRAN KING,
UNITED FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY, ASHVILLE, NC

Acknowledgments

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Thank you

The Grandchildren and Family of Bertha King would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Yolanda Walker. We know it is not easy being a primary caregiver. Many times, it is a thankless job. Sometimes it means doing the same routine day in and day out or handling things all alone. Other times, it means putting your own family second while caring for Grandma (Aunt Lil). But please know that your dedication, love and sacrifice did not go unnoticed.

You are appreciated. You did a wonderful job making sure your grandmother received the best care, the best medical treatment, and most importantly, a better quality of life. Your commitment, patience, and compassion made a meaningful difference in her life and in the lives of our entire family.

Our greatest reward is not found in what we accomplish on Earth, but in the heavenly gain that awaits us. May God bless you richly for every act of kindness, every sacrifice, and every moment you dedicated to your Grandma (Aunt Lil)

With heartfelt love and appreciation,

*The Grandchildren and Family of
Bertha King McRae*



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