



Annie Bowens

January 4, 1937 - August 21, 2018

Annie 'Wray' Bowens entered into eternal peace on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Annie was born on January 4, 1937, in Potecasi North Carolina to Janie (Flood) Futtrell and Faytress Hill. She was preceded in death by brother Charles Futtrell. Wray was educated by Potecasi and Woodland Elementary School in North Carolina. After moving to Newport News Virginia in 1952, Wray graduated from Carver High School in 1956, deciding to relocate to Washington DC on her graduation day to begin her adult life with her sister and brother-in-law Eunice and Leon Lassiter. Excited to embrace the new city life, she began an illustrious civil service career at 19 with the Housing and Urban Development. She worked in the accounting division of cash reconciliation and going on to manage that branch for many, years earning many awards and accolades as well as earning several certifications in accounting.

Annie's personal life was rich with love and very fulfilling after meeting the love of her life Samuel 'Sammy' W. Bowens officially at a New Year's eve party given by friends, and marrying him 4 months later on April 19, 1958. Their loving union lasted 58 years, and produced 3 children: Stephanie Sahadeo (Avril), Darrell Wesley Bowens (Carla), and Paula Bowens-Saxton (Michael). She was a loving and nurturing sister to Eunice Assister, Donald Futtrell, John Futtrell II, Melvin Futtrell; Lottie May (Futtrell) Everett, Faytress 'Hank' Hill, and June Perry. She was an adoring and loving grandmother to Nicole Mcrae and Marquice Royal, and loving and supportive to her many relatives and friends.

She enjoyed the domestic arts of cooking, sewing, crocheting, and baking. Wray dedicated her time and resources to her parish families of St. John Baptist De La Salle(20 years) and finally St. Camillus Multi-cultural Parish Church (20 years). She prepared and donated, along side her husband, meals to the S.O.M.E (SO Others May Eat) house every week for many years, She enjoyed daily conversations with her sister Eunice often talking about the shopping on QVC and recounting the stories of their adventurous lives. She was an elegant beauty in every way. No matter how many times she was told or lauded for her striking looks, she took it in stride. She often told a story of how overwhelmed her husband Sammy was upon their first official meeting, but she always admitted they overwhelmed one another, and it really was love at first sight.

Overwhelming she was, overwhelmingly beautiful, kind, generous, compassionate, caring, but most of all, overwhelmingly humble in spirit, never wanting to draw attention to herself despite her undeniable magnetism. She never wanted anyone to 'make a fuss' over her which made you want to go out of your way to make her feel just as special as she made everyone feel who came into her presence. She would always say 'leave someone in better shape than when you found them'. That's what she did; she left this world, or at least a little part of it, in better shape than when she found it. She leaves indelible memories of a life filled with unconditional LOVE, LAUGHTER, SPIRITUAL OBEDIENCE, GRACE, WISDOM, GRACE, STRENGTH, and JOY. She leaves the joyful memories of a life well lived.

Cemetery Details

Maryland National Memorial

13300 Baltimore Avenue
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 210-6464

Previous Events

Wake

SEP 1. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Camillus Church
1600 St. Camillus Dr
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Funeral service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh Annie Wray you and Sammy were my heros and showed me what marriage shoulf be. I told u i finally got it right . Thanks for your guidance and love. I missed your homegoing but i know u r safe in the arm of Jesus and Sammy. Sue and Rodney

Sue Rice - September 07, 2018 at 09:26 AM

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“ Barb and Tammy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Annie Bowens.



Barb and Tammy - August 29, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ My Dear Sweet Aunt Wray:

Thank you for loving me, mom and dad in the most amazing ways. The most special memories of my life all have you in them. I will love you forever.

Tammy

Tammy Futrell - August 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM