



Ms. Arnetha Kay Montague

April 25, 1926 - March 14, 2021

Arnetha K. Thomas Montague was born on April 25, 1926 to the late John Henry Thomas and Percy Wade Thomas, in Dryfork, Virginia. She transitioned to be with her Lord and Savior on March 14, 2021.

She received her education in the Pittsylvania County public school system. Upon graduating high school, Arnetha made her way to Washington D.C. where she attended school to become a certified nursing aide. Despite a serious accident, she was able to graduate with the rest of her class.

Arnetha worked at various jobs and it was at her position as a clerk-typist for the Department of the Army, where she met the love of her life, Welford Alexander Montague (Monty). They married on June 18, 1949 and their union lasted for 10 years until his untimely and sudden death. They had no children but shared their love in their care of the nieces and nephews of her siblings. Arnetha embraced the Catholic faith and became a devoted member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church; the mother church of black Catholics dating back to 1858. She combined her beliefs with her love of traveling and went on many church sponsored trips to countries such as Germany, Ireland and England.

She also shared a special bond with her brother and three sisters and spent many hours talking with them on the phone, writing them letters and going on family trips. Arnetha loved to laugh and was known as a firecracker in her heyday. She took no tea for the fever.

Arnetha lived a colorful, independent life until she suffered a fall at age 88.

She recovered and still maintained her independence, living alone in her apartment with the help of caretakers (her favorite being CeeGee). Sickness later struck again, and she became a resident at the Deanwood Rehabilitation & Wellness Center.

Even though her body was weakened, her mind and tongue remained sharp and active. She would entertain her family at visits (like a queen holding court), with tales of her many life adventures. Sadly, she was placed in hospice care for the last month of her life but she moved on and up beyond these earthly, physical boundaries to a place of eternal freedom-heaven!

Arnetha was the last of her siblings, who all preceded her in death- Henry Napoleon Thomas (Alfreda); Cleopatra Thomas Hurt; Mary Thomas Scott (Thomas) and Margaret Thomas Jones (Sandy).

She leaves to mourn her passing- a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces & nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St Augustine Catholic School 1419 V St NW, Washington, D.C.

Thank you.

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Cemetery Details

Mt.Olivet Cemetery

1300 Bladensburg Rd NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 399-3000
http://www.ccaw.org/cemeteries_olivet.html

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church
1244 v Street SE
Washington, DC 20020
(202) 678-3709

Funeral service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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