



Bessie Mae Dalton Echols

August 9, 1923 - January 31, 2017

Bessie Mae entered the gates of heaven on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Bessie Mae Dalton Echols was born August 9, 1923 in Danville to Beatrice Compton Dalton and Harry Crawford Dalton.

Bessie Graduated from Dan River High School in May of 1941. She married Luther Robertson Echols on May 2, 1942 and was married for 45 years until his death on August 9, 1988. She was a wonderful homemaker and a beautiful soul who spent many years caring for family members, her children, friends and church family with unconditional love. She was a charter member of Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday School and was a member of the Woman's Prayer Circle until she made her home at Roman Eagle Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in October of 2006. Her door was always open to neighbors and especially the neighborhood "kids" and her grandchildren. She attended and enjoyed all the wonderful activities and church services at Roman Eagle, especially the singing and services done by Chaplain Mike Wiles.

She is survived by a daughter, Joyce Echols Scott (Lewis); three sons, Kenneth Neal (Donna), Randy Lee (Gladys), and Jerry Ray (Carolyn); ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Ray Dalton (Frances).

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by son, Luther Ronald Echols; brother, Avery Dalton; and three sisters, Ruby Travis, Lillian Henderson and Polly Collie.

A special thank you to the many staff at Roman Eagle for their loving care. Bessie had many friends there who became family to her.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Reverend Michael Wiles officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the funeral home and at other times will be at the residence of her daughter, Joyce Scott, 243 James Road, Danville, VA 24541.

If you would like to honor Bessie Mae's memory please donate to God's Pit Crew at 2499 North Main St, Danville, VA 24540.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Echols family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Tony & Joyce Collins lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Dalton Echols



Tony & Joyce Collins - February 02, 2017 at 04:50 PM

KB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mae's passing. There was such special times and memories on airport rd. She kept me as a child when I was growing up and our family often visited her and Mr. Luther. Those times were dear to all of us and Mae touched our lives in so many different ways. She had such a sweet spirit . She will be missed greatly. Our prayers are with her family. Love Peggy Blair and Kathy Bradner

kathy bradner - February 02, 2017 at 04:27 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Mae was a wonderful lady and I know she will be missed. I will miss seeing her going to activities at Roman Eagle.
Bobby and Doris

Doris Head - February 02, 2017 at 08:15 AM

RC

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BOTH INSIDE AND OUT MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU TODAY AND IN THE DAYS TO COME MAY HE KEEP IN IN HIS LOVING HANDS



REGINA CALVERT - February 02, 2017 at 07:39 AM

GT

“ So sorry to hear of Mae's passing. I can't say enough good about her. She was like a second mother to me, Jim and Barry growing up. We've always thought of her, Luther, Ronnie Joyce, Neal, Randy & Jerry as family. My mother and father loved them both dearly as I did. I can hear Luther now saying, "Come on up this evening, we're going to make some "cream"! What good times we had at the old tobacco barn, eating watermelon and seeing who could make the biggest tobacco gum ball! The good times we had at church and in the neighborhood! We never had to lock a door at night and shared everything, gardens, food & fellowship! Mae was such a good cook!! She was the best! They didn't come any better than her. I want you to know that I love all of you so much and my heart & prayers are with you.

Gaye Ferguson Tate

Gaye Ferguson Tate - February 02, 2017 at 07:37 AM

DR

“ *Debbie Root lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Dalton Echols*



Debbie Root - February 01, 2017 at 05:54 PM

WB

“ *Joyce: We are very sorry to hear about mothers death and going home. We will be praying for you and the family.*

GOD BLESS

WESLEY BARKER - February 01, 2017 at 03:52 PM

VG

“ *Many beautifully sweet memories surface during this sad adjusting time in lives of loved ones, family and friends. A primary cherished memory is Miss Bessie presenting tribute at the Annual Volunteer's Luncheon, during which she graciously expressed appreciation to volunteer attendees for their many relentless hours helping residents. Another lasting memory is/was Miss Bessie's regular participation in Happy Voices, Roman Eagle's weekly choir gathering, in which and through which she gained much joy. I thank my God for these memories and many additional ones. And may each of you find comfort through family, friends and the gift of all your good memories. My love and blessings.*

Virginia Garmon - February 01, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bessie Mae Dalton Echols.*



February 01, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - February 01, 2017 at 02:09 PM