



Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass

September 14, 1919 - September 20, 2020

The family of Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Mangum Bass, announces her passing which occurred on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

How sweet it is at evening after a long and well spent day, to close the eyes in slumber and rest from the toil of the day. It is doubly sweet, at the close of a well spent life, to turn one's face toward the sunset and quietly sink into the rest that knows no wakening, except in the presence of God. Such was the passing of our beloved mother on September 20, 2020.

DOROTHY EVELYN MANGUM BASS was the youngest of seven children born to the union of the late Alice Coley Mangum and Charlie H. Mangum of Creedmoor (Granville County), North Carolina. Evelyn was also a granddaughter of the late Lucy Taylor Coley and Josephus Coley, charter members of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor. Growing up in a Christian home, Evelyn professed Christ at a young age and joined Pine Grove where her father was a deacon. Evelyn had a beautiful soprano voice and loved singing in the choirs of the church. She also enjoyed attending Vacation Bible School and Baptist Training Unions.

Evelyn graduated from Creedmoor High School. On Thanksgiving Day, 1954, she married Gladys Bass, son of Willie and Corinna Bass of Rougement, NC. To this holy union, they were most blessed with three daughters: Joyce,

Valerie “Marie,” and Vickie. Evelyn was a stay-at-home mom for many years and enjoyed caring for and nurturing her daughters in the Christian faith at Pine Grove through Sunday School where their father was Sunday School Superintendent, participating in the children’s and youth choirs and missionary groups, ushering, and summer Christian education programs.

Later in life, Evelyn was employed at the infirmary at Murdoch Center in Butner, NC where she retired as a healthcare technician. During retirement, Evelyn enjoyed taking a computer class at Vance Granville Community College, traveling and participating in activities with her local Senior Citizens Center, spending time with family and lifelong friends, and making new friends wherever she went. She always shared her love of hymns and the gospel of Jesus Christ through singing, kind words, and loving deeds.

Evelyn will best be remembered for her beautiful smile, generosity to her family, friendly yet quiet demeanor, quick wit, and sense of humor. She loved to sing hymns and spirituals in the Pine Grove Senior Choir, read the Bible, inspirational poetry, and humor books; complete word search puzzle books; and in her last days, was still able to dominate players in games of dominoes. Some of her favorite songs were: “I Surrender All” and “This Little Light of Mine.” As recently as her 101st birthday, she was still able to recite “The Lord’s Prayer” from memory.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and six siblings: Blanche Mangum Crews; Carl Mangum; Josephine Mangum Day; Myrtle Mangum Suitt; Robert Mangum; and Gertrude Mangum Green. She will be greatly missed by her three loving and devoted daughters: Dr. Joyce Bass Valentine (Willard) of Wake Forest, NC, Valerie Bass McMillian (Tyrone (d)) of Cary, NC, and Vickie Bass of Creedmoor, NC; her beloved grandson, David Edwards (Ivorie) of Charlotte, NC; a step-granddaughter, Karen Valentine Riles (Windle) and great-granddaughters Mayson and Madyson Riles of Franklin, TN; a sister-in-law, Everlyn Bass of Durham, NC; and a loving host

of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

To God be the glory!

Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Mangum Bass will be laid to rest in Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

1624 Highway 56
Creedmoor , NC 27522

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Mom,*

Thank you for giving me your Godly legacy of faith, forgiveness, joy, love, peace, prayer, and wisdom. As I celebrated Mother's Day on May 9, 2021, I will forever treasure all our happy memories together including but not limited to shopping, dining, traveling, singing, praying, laughing, and inspirational phone conversations.

I trust God and know He is always faithful to keep all His promises. Thank you for being the best Mother in the world to me and for your courage and love.

To God be the glory!

*Love always,
Vickie*

Vickie - May 10, 2021 at 01:29 PM

CO

“ Dear Vickie,

Deep condolences to you and your family at this time of loss. I pray for strength and peace for you.

Sincerely,

Cathy O'Neill

Cathy O'Neill - November 10, 2020 at 11:18 AM

VI

Dear Cathy,

Thank you for your kind condolences. We appreciate your continued prayers.

*Blessings,
Vickie*

Vickie - May 10, 2021 at 01:12 PM

KD

“ *Prayers for comfort, strength, and healing for the Bass family.
Ken and Becky Dalton*

Ken and Becky Dalton - October 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM

TS

“ *So sorry for your loss Joyce, Marie and Vickie. Ms Evelyn was a great lady and she and my mom would talk sometime on the phone. May our creator be with you in this moment of sorrow and be strong. Take care. Tim smith*

Timothy smith - September 24, 2020 at 01:49 PM

HB

“ Dear Joyce, Valerie and Vickie,

What a lovely Obituary. Aunt Evelyn lived a good life, a "Godly" life to have lived to be 101 years old. You, Valerie and Vickie are so blessed to have had her for that length of time. I can only wish! Be Blessed and thank God! You, Valerie and Vickie are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you'll.

*Love
Cousin Herbie Bass-Joiner*

Heberlean Bass-Joiner - September 24, 2020 at 12:56 PM

PS

“ Dear Joyce,

My thoughts and prayers for peace and strength are with you and your family.

*Peace and grace,
Pam Stutts*

Pam Stutts - September 24, 2020 at 09:53 AM

DD

Thank you Pam for your kindness.

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 24, 2020 at 08:57 PM

PA

“ Dear Joyce,
I was very saddened to hear about your mother's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and may you have the strength to bear this great loss and may your mama rest in eternal peace.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Poonam

Poonam Aneja - September 24, 2020 at 08:29 AM

DD

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 24, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ What stands out most about the Mangum family is their/our dignity and senses of humor. My fondest memories of great Aunt Evelyn are of us laughing, and often at our stature and being the tallest women in the family! I'm sure she and her siblings, especially her sister Myrtle (my beloved grandmother), are having a blast at their reunion. Well done indeed.

Allison Kalloo - September 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DD

Thank you Allison. Yes they have the best view now from heaven! Stay well

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:05 PM

EB

“ To the family of Mrs. Evelyn Bass,
Our heartfelt condolences are extended to you during this difficult
time.
May the memories you hold so dear, remain in your hearts forever.

*Jimmie and Eunice (Bass) Gist
Charlotte, NC*

Eunice B.Gist - September 23, 2020 at 10:58 AM

CM

*Please accept my condolences to a beautiful yet wonderful woman. I
didn't get to talk with aunt Evelyn much however found her quite a
beautiful sound woman of GOD!*

Calvin Mangum - September 23, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DD

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass.*



September 23, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CJ

“ Perhaps my fondest memories of Cousin Evelyn are spending the summers in Creedmoor with my grandmother. She and Cousin Gertrude lived across the street from my grandmother. It was during the summer every year that Cousin Evelyn and my grandmother (Dorothy Coley Thomas) "Ma Ma" would take me, my sister Leslie and David on a trip somewhere. We would often find ourselves in Durham at the Museum of Life and Science. They would always prepare lunch and we would have a grand time. I also remember them hard at work each year planning the family reunion at Pine Grove on July 4th. I can remember them calling each other everyday to check on each other. I also remember them working the garden together. Good friends are rare and hard to find. May you all find comfort and joy in the memories that you have of your dear Evelyn. God promised us three score and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years. She surpassed what many of us hope to attain. may God keep you all.

Calvin "C.J." Harris, Jr. - September 23, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CJ

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DA

Thank you so much for these words, CJ. I remember those days fondly as well. Hope you all are doing well.

David - September 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM

DD

Thank you so much for sharing these special memories with us. I will bet they are enjoying their heavenly reunion!

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:02 PM

BS

“ *First and last memory was her smile. Ma Bass had too a sense of humor that many could not hear, what a gift! You will be missed Ma, but Barbara is smiling 😊*

Barbara Butler Stanley - September 23, 2020 at 06:14 AM

PA

“ *I am sending my heartfelt prayers to the family. Valerie and I had the pleasure of working together at AT&T for many years. Steve, Valerie and I were a trio and special friends. I feel that I know Valerie's mom even though I never had the pleasure of meeting her in person. She was a beautiful person on the outside and I feel that she was on the inside also. I thank God that he blessed her with such a long life. May God continue to smile upon each of you and send his holy spirit to comfort you all.*



Patricia Askew - September 22, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass.*



September 22, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass.*



September 22, 2020 at 09:27 PM



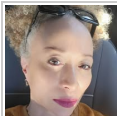
“ *I love the life my mom gave me. God granted me time and memories that no one can take from me. It's because of mom that I attended an HBCU. She loved the campus of Bennett College. Mom encouraged all of us to pursue education goals. Mom's dreams for us were realized and She lived to see it all including one daughter with a Ph. D. Her love and guidance were always available to me and later to my son her only grandson David.*



I will treasure our talks, and your stories of growing up in rural Granville County in the segregated South. I will miss the talks about cooking. I never have mastered your homemade chicken soup. I won't give up. I will miss your voice in our Sunday singalongs

Mom you will never be absent as long as we remember. Rest now in the 'next room'. Visit me in my dreams. I love you always and forever. Love your daughter Joyce

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 22, 2020 at 08:11 PM



My condolences to you, David and your sisters.

Allison Kalloo - September 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BD

My deepest sympathy extended to you Joyce and your entire family. May God grant you peace as you continue to treasure the fond memories of your mom.

Bronzella Richardson Daniel

Bronzella Daniel - September 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DD

Thank you so much Bronzella. Stay well classmate.

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:09 PM

WW

“ *With Love, Vivian and Dwayne Weathers-Bryant purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass.*



With Love, Vivian and Dwayne Weathers-Bryant - September 22, 2020 at 07:32 PM

DA

“ Grandma - Thank you for all the memories. No one can ever take them away from me. You reached 101 years old, and I'm so thankful to God for that. You had such a positive impact on so many with your smile, kindness and sense of humor. How were you still able to beat people at dominoes and Connect 4 at 100 years old?! If we could all be so blessed.

You helped raise a young boy into a man and instilled values in me that I will pass down in the future. You saw me as a married man and I know that made you feel proud and comforted to know that I'm good moving forward. Life won't be the same, but the memories will last forever and until we meet again.



Bye-Bye For Now.

David

David - September 22, 2020 at 07:32 PM

SH

“ my deepest sympathy to the family. Spencer Hicks

Spencer Hicks - September 22, 2020 at 04:15 PM

DD

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Stay well

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:11 PM

DE

“ My prayers go out. To. The. Family. And. Friends of Ms. Evelyn Bass. We. Where. Neighbors. At. On e. Time. In Brier. Creek. She. Was a. Nice Lady funny at. Times. Could. Make. You laugh while. She. kept. A. Straight. Face take care. Dee

Dee - September 22, 2020 at 03:05 PM

DD

Thank you Dee. Stay well

Dr Joyce Bass Valentine, Ph D - September 23, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Evelyn Bass.



September 22, 2020 at 02:56 PM

BS

“ First and last memory of Ma Bass was her beautiful smile and her natural sense of humor, a gift! Ma Bass, when I think of you, I smile



Love you, Barbara Butler Stanley

Barbara Butler Stanley - September 22, 2020 at 01:41 PM

GB

To: Joyce and Siblings
You and All your Family are in My Thoughts, Prayers and Condolences. Cherish All those Memories of Many Happy, Joyful Moments You All had with Your Mothet, GrandMa,... Remember, She is now Safe in The Arms of God!!!- ♡Love Gloria Butler-Davis

Gloria Butler-Davis - September 23, 2020 at 11:10 AM