



## Olaf "Bootie" Powell

June 2, 1935 - March 6, 2009

Bluefield, WV- Olaf Louise "Bootie" Powell, 73, of Route 1, Box 183-A, Bluefield, peacefully left her loving home on Friday March 6, 2009 to go be with the Lord while surrounded by her loving family. She courageously and bravely fought a long battle with Parkinson's disease and cancer. Born on June 2, 1935 in Bradshaw, WV, she was a daughter of the late William Ralph Asbury and Stella Cyphers Coleman Asbury. Bootie was a longtime, active member of Greenview United Methodist Church where she participated in the Lady's Circle, was a Sunday school teacher, worked with the youth of the church and served on different committees. She was a loving wife and mother, and was a loving Nana to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs. Powell was a seamstress and was also vocally talented, inspiring her family through her music. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, J. Mark Powell, five brothers and one sister. Survivors include her husband, Lowell T. "Tommy" Powell of the home, to whom she was a devoted and loving wife for 56 years; four children, Steve Powell and his wife Sam of Princeton, WV, Vickey Powell Tolbert and her husband Jim of Princeton, WV, David Powell and his wife Cindy of Knoxville, TN and Leah Powell of Bluefield, WV; one brother, William Ralph Asbury, Jr. and his wife Marita of Polk County, FL; one sister, Betty A. Miles of Tallahassee, FL; 13 grandchildren, Julie Lilly and her husband Shawn, Jason Powell and his wife Missy, Elizabeth Tolbert, Andy Tolbert, Emily Tolbert, Erin Powell, Amanda Powell, Nicholas Powell, Harrison Powell, Morgan Powell, Jeremiah Johnson, Courtney Matney and

her husband Jon and Kala Johnson; five great-grandchildren, Jakeb Lilly, Nathan Lilly, Hunter Powell, Hayden Powell and Hailynn Powell; and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Community Hospices of America, 1033 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 24740; to the National Parkinson's Foundation, Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136, or to Greenview United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 6130, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Olaf Louise "Bootie" Powell.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Olaf "Bootie" Powell*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My Mother and I both live in Savannah, Ga. now and Mother still subscribes to the Bluefield paper. Mother and I were both saddened to hear about Bootie. I have wonderful memories of her and your entire family. Please know that our thoughts are with you.*

**Esma Gibson Campbell, Jo Gibson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Uncle Tommy and Family, Aunt Bootie will always have a special place in my heart. She was such a wonderful and funny person. Now, she is at peace and has joined so many of our loved ones that have gone on before her. I'll never forget the love that was always shown between she and Uncle Tommy. One could always see how much they loved one another and how much they loved their children. I'll never forget all the memories of our childhood and I thank you, Aunt Bootie, for so many of those memories. I love each and everyone of you and I feel your heartaches.*

**Karen Walls Greathead** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *To Tom and Family: We were so sorry to hear about Bottie. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, James E. and Linda Cyphers*

**James and Linda Cyphers** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

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“ My grandmother was one who loved unconditionally and was never afraid to show it. She was a woman of strength, courage, determination, and most importantly, a woman who had tremendous faith in our Lord and Savior. Nana is the definition of a true hero. Her battles were endless, but her faith only grew stronger. With the obstacles she faced every single minute of every day, she never lost faith, and that to me is true belief and true courage. Nana fought until the end, and she ultimately won a hard battle. I know she is dancing in Heaven with the Angels and watching over all of her loved ones. I only hope that one day I'll be as strong as she was. I'll love you forever Nana and I'll never forget the person you were and will always be in my heart.

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**Courtney** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM