



## Bessie Mae Phillips

May 15, 1925 - March 4, 2008

Bessie Mae Phillips, age 82 of Dayton, TN died Tuesday March 4, 2008 at her home. Bessie was born May 15, 1925 and was a life-long resident of Rhea County. She was the daughter of the late Andrew Jackson Phillips and Mattie (Ewing) Phillips.

Bessie retired from Kayser-Roth after 47 years and was a member of the Morgantown Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter Diane (Thurston) Clark, granddaughter Kimberly (David) Thomas, great-granddaughter Savannah Thomas and her brother Tommie (Mary) Phillips all of Dayton, TN.

Funeral services for Bessie will be held Thursday at 12:00 noon in the chapel with Rev. Tom McManus and Rev. Jimmy Talley officiating. Burial will follow in the Dayton City Cemetery.

The family is being served by Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Wednesday from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Please visit Bessie's on-line guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM.

Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ dear granny,  
afew days ago we went down to the grave yard .Larry weedeated  
and they have put your headstone in.we love and miss you so  
much.until we meet in heaven.##imported-begin##Kim##imported-  
end##

August 30, 2009 at 07:51 PM



“ Mama i cannot write much at one time i have so much i want to say  
to you but sadness is so strong i cannot get all i want to say  
wrote,but for now i will say i love you and love never dies,but oh  
mama now i know what loneliness is,i miss you more  
everyday##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

April 11, 2008 at 12:02 AM



“ Mama, it will be two wks tommorrow morning when since you left us  
to be with the Lord,I am sitting here today missing you so much i  
cannot stand it .How i wish i could see you, and i know someday i  
will,but oh mama i am hurting so bad for you ,Sunday is Easterit  
sure won;t be the same nor will anything ever again.##imported-  
begin##Diane Clark##imported-end##

March 18, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ Granny, I miss playing with you.I dream of you often.I love you. I am  
glad you are not in pain anymore.Tell Tee we said hi and that we  
miss her ,too.Love,your baby Savannah##imported-  
begin##Savannah##imported-end##

March 10, 2008 at 06:08 AM



“ Granny,

*I love you more than you will never know. Sometimes I think I am dreaming that you are not gone .I wish I had told you I would take care of momma.I am trying to be so strong for everyone,but down deep inside I think loosing you is killing me.Dave is doing ok ,but he misses you,too.Aunt Bert has really helped us through this.I told her I have a small peace of you with her.I love you.You are my angel. Rest in peace til we get there.*

*Love,*

*your granddaughter*

*Kimmie###imported-begin###kim ###imported-end##*

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March 10, 2008 at 06:03 AM



“ *The most important thing I want to say is what an amazing woman I've known my whole life.People say that family is by blood but I know its what you feel in your heart.I loved spending time with Granny more than anything, I loved sitting and listening to her talk.Not once have I walked through the door that we didn't talk, oh how this wonderful lady will be missed. Granny, I love you and what a good woman you always were and will be in our hearts! Love, Samantha & Chance###imported-begin###Samantha Williams ###imported-end##*

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March 06, 2008 at 08:55 PM



“ Bessie was one of the sweetest & dearest friends anyone could have, she was my mother's best friend & from there there are 3 generations of best friends, Bessie, Wilma---Diane, Sue---Kim & Shauna, we have knew each other forever, & we will miss Bessie much. I love you'all. GOD IS GOOD##imported-begin##Sue (Coxey)McCary##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 07:02 PM



“ Dear Kim and Diane,

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. She was such a great lady. Hailey remembers her so fondly. I know how close all of you were. Cherish the memories they will get you threw the tough days ahead. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Linda and Hailey##imported-begin##Linda and Hailey##imported-end##*

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March 05, 2008 at 05:52 PM



“ I LOVE YOU MAMA I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH, I WILL SEE YOU IN AWHILE IN OUR HEAVENLY HOME.##imported-begin##Diane##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 12:14 PM



“ Bessie Mae was a wonderful woman, who loved and adored her family and friends. I remember when Bessie Mae would pick me up for work and bring me home after work when we both worked for Kayser-Roth. She was so good to me and I loved her so very much. I will miss her very much and I loved her very much. Bessie Mae was truly my HERO and such an inspiration to me when I was growing up and even into my adult life. I love you so very much Bessie Mae and I will never ever forget you and all that you have done for me and all that you stood for. I will never ever forget you and all that you did for me. Rest in peace and may God be with you Diane and Thurston, Kim and David and Sylvanna. I truly love you guys so much.##imported-begin##Rick and Sherry Presley##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 08:37 AM



“ I never heard Bessie Mae say an unkind thing, to or about, anyone. I truly respected and loved her. Work and life's obligations kept me from seeing her, as I would have liked. But she has a place in my heart, forever. May GOD bless and comfort each one of you who are mourning and give you the assurance of seeing her again.##imported-begin##Sue Brown##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 11:09 PM



“ This lady was a wonderful person who was dedicated to loving her family. She is missed and still loved. Amazing Grace how sweet the sound.##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 05:58 PM