



# Virginia Joyce Hastings Adams

July 7, 1929 - October 31, 2023

Today we celebrate the life of Virginia Joyce Hastings Adams who went to be with her Lord Oct. 31, 2023. She was the essence of Class and Humility. Mom witnessed many things in her long life. Early on there was the depression, followed by WWII recessions and recoveries. She married a dashing sailor in 1945, and gave birth to her first child, Joyce, in 1947. Followed by son Wayne in 1951, and in 1959 a daughter Brenda. She was a devoted wife and mother, but more than that, she was a true lady. She became the first female driver to qualify at Eagle Motor Lines. In the seventies, women had not weighed into this field. But she did so to be a team driver, not just a rider, with Thomas. She was proud of that accomplishment, but she never boasted about it to others.

Mom was an inspiration to everyone who met her. She may have been a gentle soul, but she tackled problems with the tenaciousness of a bulldog and was not one to be easily broken. In her lifetime, she saw the death of a beloved sister Hazel, the death of her brother Clyde, Her beloved Mom Kitty, and Dad Cabe. She would go on to witness the death of her grandson Evan St. John, followed by her husband Thomas. Shortly after Dad, she lost both Joyce and Wayne to degenerative diseases and granddaughter Tina Mark to a stroke. Yet not once did she ever ask, "Why Me?", instead she picked herself up, continued forward and hid the scars within her heart. Only her closest friends were privy to the pain she carried. One of those friends is Frances Hobbs, who knew Mom better than anyone. She has been there for Mom during her struggles and laughed with her through happier times. A truer friend could not be found, and our family are all grateful for her support.

Virginia is survived by daughter Brenda Epperson, granddaughter Nikki Adams, grandsons Bobby Adams, and Randy St. John. Great granddaughters Abby, Sarah, Bella, Brittany, Jessica, and great grandson Ayden. Numerous nieces, and nephews.

The Lord gathered a special flower for his garden today. Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with Virginia.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
Mc Calla, AL 35111  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms Virginia is a class act, she was a lady of few boundaries, we spent one afternoon with appreciating her showing her Dolls. That day she shared will always be the memorable due to her love for all people. Her love of Jesus, family and friends and her minister, and church. She is a great example of a Christian Lady and Proudly remembered and missed at our church congregation and family.*

Mabel & Beau Roberts - November 03, 2023 at 10:55 AM

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*Thank you for your kindness*

Brenda Epperson - November 07, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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