

Mary Louise Branch

December 3, 1922 - December 19, 2015



Mary "Louise" Branch, 93, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, auntie, cousin and friend, died in her sleep on Saturday morning, December 19th. The world is a quieter, sadder place without her mischievous sense of humor and caring ways.

Born December 3, 1922 in Boston, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Jack and Roberta (Frazier) Jones of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively.

Mary graduated from The High School of Practical Arts, Boston, Massachusetts. She was baptized at the age of 13 and remained a member of The Metropolitan Baptist Church for over 75 years.

Her community service included a 25 year membership in The Urban League Guild of Eastern Massachusetts; the Amvets Auxilliary 128; Emeritus member of The Metropolitan Baptist Usher Board and Gospel Chorus. Later she served in the Foster Grandparents Program of the Boston Public Schools for over 19 years, where she was affectionately called "Grandma Mary".

During WWII, Mary was trained and employed to do electrical wiring on battle ships. After the war, she worked as a power sewing machine operator. Mary then worked for Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for over 20 years, until her retirement at age 65.

Mary was known to find bargains no matter what kind of shopping she did. Her home was warm and loving. There was always something good to eat and something interesting to talk about. She was a loyal friend and mentor to many.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, James Branch, her parents, siblings: Jack "Sonny" Jones; Florence P. Holmes, Stanley Jones, and Louie Jones of Boston; Annie L. Johnson of Orwell, Ohio, Callie Mae Daniel of Washington, DC; and son, Joseph A. Thompson Jr. of Boston.

She leaves to mourn her daughter, Phyllis Bell of Lithonia, Georgia; son, Richard and daughter-in-law; Yvonne Thompson of Dacula, Georgia; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephew, cousin, Bev Taylor (Daughter-in-law); Pearl Jones (sister-in-law); and many, many dear friends.

