



## Mertice Lee Clark

August 5, 1932 - November 18, 2023

Of Alexandria, Virginia, passed peacefully with family by her side November 18, 2023. She was born in Charlottesville, Virginia to the late Warner and Madie Shifflett on August 5, 1932. She is the dedicated and beloved wife of the late Oscar (Bill) D. Clark for 59 years until his passing in 2014; loving mother of E. Elaine Clark (William Gregory), Jo A. Yehle (Doug Kelly) and the late Keith G. and Billy L. Clark; cherished grandmother of Jason Yehle, Brandy Clark (Daniel Lester), Sheena Heflin (Joseph) and Keith A. Clark and great-grandmother to Austin and Bryce Heflin; sister of Warner Jr "Red", Donald "Donnie" Shifflett, the late Viola Hale and Charles "Sonny" Shifflett; along with many other extended family members.

Mertice graduated from Mount Vernon High School. She worked doing clerical work for Clark Concrete where she met Oscar, and they married May 7, 1955. She was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and baking. In the evenings, and Saturdays, the couple, along with their children, cleaned many churches in the area to provide for their family. She was a Christian woman who enjoyed singing church hymns all the time. Mertice was very welcoming to all who came to her home. She never let someone go hungry, food was always offered when you walked through the door. She spent time working at the Calvary Road Baptist Church nursery where she was a member. She also was a nanny for Hall of Fame actor/singer/songwriter Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones' children who starred on the show Hee Haw along with

others. She loved children very much and cherished time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a dedicated wife and enjoyed spending time with family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on Monday, December 4 from 12PM until time of service at 1PM. Mertice will be laid to rest with Oscar at Mt. Comfort Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
[info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
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## Burial

DEC 4. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery  
6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Mertice Lee Clark*



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - December 04, 2023 at 12:49 PM

SH

“ *William Gregory singing his own original song 'Heavenly Angel' graveside for grandma. Beautiful.*



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**Sheena Heflin** - December 26, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Sheena Heflin** - December 25, 2023 at 11:22 PM

SH

*William Gregory singing his own original song 'Heavenly Angel' graveside for grandma. Beautiful.*

**Sheena Heflin** - December 26, 2023 at 09:47 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Spaulding planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mertice Lee Clark.*

**Melissa Spaulding** - December 02, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mertice Lee Clark.*



December 02, 2023 at 07:11 PM

BC

“ *Brandy and Carol Clark and the Crawford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mertice Lee Clark.*

**Brandy and Carol Clark and the Crawford** - December 02, 2023 at 02:00 PM

BC

“ *Brandy and Carol Clark and the Crawford purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mertice Lee Clark.*



**Brandy and Carol Clark and the Crawford** - December 02, 2023 at 02:00 PM

BG

“ Bill Gibson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mertice Lee Clark.

Bill Gibson - December 02, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mertice Lee Clark.



December 02, 2023 at 10:53 AM

RN

“ Ron, Tracy & Nathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mertice Lee Clark.

Ron, Tracy & Nathan - December 01, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mertice Lee Clark.



December 01, 2023 at 10:24 PM

AH

“ all our love, Jer and Tiffany Hilleary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mertice Lee Clark.

all our love, Jer and Tiffany Hilleary - November 28, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mertice Lee Clark.*



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November 28, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I really loved your parents and I knew them well. I can't tell you just how many times Oscar and I worked on projects between both of our homes. Oscar was always doing something and Mertice was always there to support him. After Oscar passed and as Mertice started forgetting things, it was my pleasure to help her whenever I could. She was a wonderful woman and I was sad when she went away to live with Elaine even though I knew it was for the best. For a while I didn't know what to do with my mornings because I no longer had Mertice to make breakfast for and make sure she took her meds. C'est la vie....*

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**Bob Chenevey** - November 27, 2023 at 06:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Sheena Heflin** - November 26, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - November 26, 2023 at 04:04 PM