



## Mrs. Bessie C. Curtis

October 15, 1968 - April 5, 2017

### OBITUARY

Bessie Chanell Curtis was born October 15, 1968, to the union of Henry DeWilliam Jackson and Bessie Mae Jackson in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She received her formal education at Bay View High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She furthered her educational studies at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Bessie accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and was an active member of Northside Church of God where she served as a greeter. She was united in holy matrimony with Walter Franklin Curtis on March 6, 1999, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their union was blessed and blended with three sons. Bessie was employed by Milwaukee County Transit as a Bus Operator for over 20 years. In her leisure, Bessie liked fellowshiping at church and with family and friends. She also enjoyed traveling, shopping, Facebook and her hobby as a self-proclaimed genealogist.

### DATE OF DEATH AND PRECEDING DEATHS

Bessie Chanell Curtis departed this life April 5, 2017. She was preceded in death by: paternal grandparents, DeEddie and LaNora Jackson; maternal grandparents, Emmett and Bessie Brown; parents, Henry DeWilliam and Bessie Mae Jackson; sister, Evangeline Jackson-Cox; brother-in-law, James M. Nash; and nephew, Alae L. Jackson.

## SURVIVORS

She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy: husband, Walter Franklin Curtis; parents-in-law, Frank and Jimmie Curtis, of Anderson, Indiana; sons, Romale D. Williams (Sidra), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Skilard' D. Curtis, of Anderson, Indiana, and Deion R. Jackson-Body, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; granddaughters, Aneya, Anaiya, Abriya and Fallon of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; grandsons, Fredrick, Fabian, Royce, Romale, Jr. and Royal of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Henry Jackson, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Victor Jackson (Penny) of Denver, Colorado; Antigone Jackson, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Vincent Jackson (Brenda) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Nora Nash, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Wilma Jackson, Octavius Jackson (Daphine), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Vincent Toney (Taffie), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Annie Lugusta, of Iowa; Wallace and Patricia Moore, of Iowa; Hersehel Clemmons (Rosie), of Detroit, Michigan; Eric Jackson, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Maurice Jackson, of Georgia; Sandra Daniels, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Donnie Bowie, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Annette Bowie, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Patricia Bowie, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Bryant Evans, of Tennessee; Lawrence Evans (Naya), of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Darlene Evans, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Laura Brandl-Witherspoon (Dedin), of Baltimore, Maryland; sister-in-law, Candace Curtis Morakinyo (Akin), of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Jon Curtis (Derica), of Wyckoff, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northside Church of Christ  
4858 N. 19th Pl.  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

N.

“ Miss you so much Sis.💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕



N.Nash - October 29, 2020 at 08:03 PM

KJ

“ Chanell it was a pleasure to have known you! I've really enjoyed our talks and it was a blessing to know that I was on your mind right before your untimely demise. I know that God needed you more than we may have needed you here on earth! I loved sharing pictures of all our hair styles via text.😊😊 I send my condolences to the family of Chanell she will truly be missed🙏 Warmest Regards, Chanell Jones Saint Louis, MO



Kenya Jones - April 14, 2017 at 11:50 PM

PW

“ Pauline Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie C. Curtis



Pauline Wilson - April 12, 2017 at 05:14 PM

TB

“ Your beautiful smile shall be imbedded in my heart forever. Your amazing spirit and love of family, I shall remember Always! How you were so impeccably dressed each time I would see you! The genuine love you showed toward your family, friends, and strangers. How you could make me laugh! We had a lots of good laughs and conversation. At the death of my 1st cousin, you were right at my side assisting and help. I will never forget you my dear cousin. You shall forever be my Angel. Until We Meet Again! Rest Easy Pretty Lady!

Tammy E Brown - April 12, 2017 at 07:28 AM

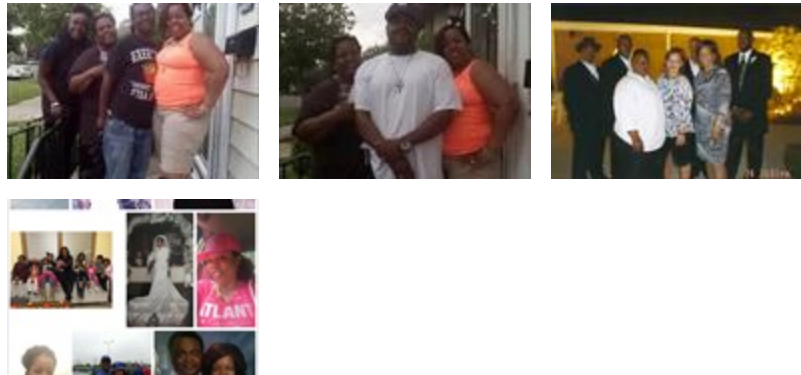


“ Good morning Auntie. You will be laid to rest today by the abundance of people that love you sooooo much. As I write this I still can't believe it..... Thank you for being THAT person. Thank you for everything you did for my dad. I thank GOD that you came into my life. I love you with everything that I have and don't have. 🍷💚💖💕💕💕💕💕💕 Your niece, Michelle Eldridge

Michelle Eldridge - April 12, 2017 at 06:55 AM

Naya Evans

“ Sis, we will love and miss you!!!



Naya Evans - April 11, 2017 at 04:43 PM

Valisa  
Thomas

“ Auntie, we are running around getting everything ready for your homegoing and I keep thinking how you are supposed to be in the car with us giving us orders and then making us laugh. Miss you so much it hurts.



Valisa Thomas - April 11, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bessie C. Curtis.



April 11, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ Frank, my prayers for a calming peace in your hearts are with you and your family.

Stacy Stinson - H-D - April 11, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ ROXANNE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie C. Curtis




ROXANNE BROWN - April 11, 2017 at 01:01 PM

LG

“ Frank, my bother, may God bless you and the family. She will be missed...

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**LaMar Grier** - April 11, 2017 at 10:54 AM

 Kellz Tucker

“ Prayers to the family.

*George Williams*

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**Kellz Tucker** - April 11, 2017 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ My Dear Cousin Chanell. Your family in Detroit, Mi. will miss you dearly., Shaun, Renee, DeJuan, Eric, Amy, and Erykah send their Love to Frankie and the entire Milwaukee family..

*Thank you so much cuz for the LOVE AND CARING you gave to EVERYONE!!!*

*Love Dorothy and Lester Smith*

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**Dorothy Smith** - April 10, 2017 at 11:18 PM

BD

“ We are so sorry about the loss of Ms.Bessie. Our deepest condolences goes out to the family. May "the God of tender mercies" comfort and strengthen you all at this time of sorrow. (2Cor.1:3,4)

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**B. Daniels** - April 10, 2017 at 10:27 PM

TL

“ I will miss my Cuz even though I never met her. I loved seeing pictures of her smiling because it seemed as if that smile filled the whole picture. Her spirit was welcoming and real. I remember her telling me one time that no matter how far down the relationship line of being a first or fourth cousin that it was still family. For me that spoke volumes about her and her love for family. She will be missed. As a remembrance to Bessie if I don't have you on my Facebook page and you're a family member please send me a friend request if I don't know you. Let's keep her love for family alive.

Troy Lockhart

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Troy Lockhart - April 10, 2017 at 09:58 PM

LJ

“ Bessie you know how much I love you "WOMAN" (that's what we called each other) I'm going to miss my Libra sister, our birthdays were days apart. 😭😭 a piece of my heart is missing knowing I won't see your smile, hear your voice again. Im holding on to those memories my sista. You are Resting in Heaven. I know how much you loved you hubby,family,& friends we are praying for them all...



#SeeYouWhenIGetToHeaven#

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LaTanya Jeffries - April 10, 2017 at 03:19 PM

AR

“ I know that it can be tough to lose someone close, and I know that everyone deals with the loss in different ways. I want you to know that I am praying for you (Family), because God knows what you need right now. Cousin Bessie, Chanel as we called her was one of a kind...her smile could speak of her life...love...joy and peace. She will forever be missed...her life on this earth will carry on through memories of a sweet spirit. The times spent with Chanel and Fankie will be in our heart always...The family from MS loves you all and will continue to pray your strength in the Lord. Blessings from above! Cousin Adrine Reed

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**adrine reed** - April 10, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Beloved Family ~*

*How GREAT is out GOD!*

*So deeply moved by the passing of our FAMILY UNIFIER, Mrs. Bessie Chanel Jackson-Curtis.*

*My "Genghis Khan" - and ALL family members, beloveds & friends - HOLD ON!*

*This transition is reaching around the Universe.*

*When Bessie called me and our "Venie" upon the advent of our Family FaceBook Page-*

*"Family: Moore, Jackson, Stinson, Fulton, Smith also Jones & Reed's" and we became co-administrators; the idea to merge, meld & communicate as a FAMILY ~ came from Chanel.*

*As I attempt to convey my thoughts have my tears of love & great memories flowing so I will stop here --- leaning to the lyrics of a timely song -*

*"At your best you are loved - your a POSITIVE motivating force within my life - and if you ever feel the need to wonder why ..."*

*Chanel - I am LETTING YOU KNOW NOW !!!*

*We are so gonna miss you and all you ARE in the natural. Praying that your endurance, your inspiration and your smile will continue to motivate and keep us in the years ahead.*




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**Marquita Rogers** - April 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM

BH

“ A true friend you were. I keep going back to 9th grade. You checked this boy for calling me black. After you checked him, you look at me and said black is beautiful. Thank you for making me feel good about myself. I only wish we could have have lunch 2 weeks ago when you inbox me. I always enjoyed the prayers that we had on the phone. Thank you for trusting me with your personal life issues. You will be missed, I love you Chanell.

Beverly Hardiman-Cross - April 10, 2017 at 12:24 PM

 Iris  
Hollis-  
Dorsey

“ Chanell you will be truly missed! You were such a wonderful person/friend, with a great big heart... rest in paradise ❤️

Iris Hollis-Dorsey - April 10, 2017 at 12:14 PM

LI

“ My dear sweet friend. What will I ever do with out you. Our daily talks our laughs our cries. Talking about our spoiled children that we gave to much. The love we shared for our beautiful grand children. If I would have know God was going to call u home so soon, I would have told u how much u meant to me. There will NEVER Abe another you. You were indeed the best friend that I ever had. You were my sister. Kiss my mommy for me. Until we meet again.

lisa - April 10, 2017 at 11:28 AM

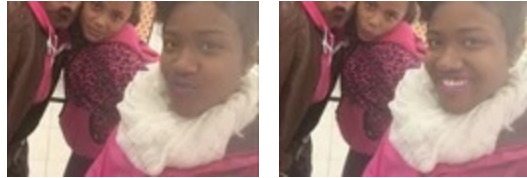
LM

“ My Dear Cousin, YOU were the Guardian Angel of OUR FAMILY Branches and WILL BE SO TRULY MISSED, YOUR JOURNEY has put a lot of OUR FAMILY together to know who was and how. Thank you so much for the LOVE AND CARING you gave to EVERYONE!!!

LEVERN MILLER - April 10, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ Miss you auntie ❤️🙏



V'Asia Jackson - April 09, 2017 at 11:23 PM



Love these pics niecepooh! ❤️

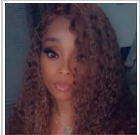
PhePhe Renee - April 09, 2017 at 11:56 PM



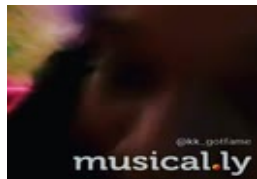
“ Sweet memories




Shay Jackson - April 09, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ From your great niece Khaelani. She misses you so much auntie. Ily  
Shalaya aka "Lay Lay"



Shay Jackson - April 09, 2017 at 10:45 PM


  
PhePhe  
Renee

“ *My beautiful, courageous, loving Auntie. My Auntie Chanell!❤️ I love you so much Auntie!* 🙏



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**PhePhe Renee** - April 09, 2017 at 09:44 PM

  
PhePhe  
Renee

“ *My beautiful, courageous, loving Auntie. My Auntie Chanell!❤️ I love you so much Auntie!* 🙏



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**PhePhe Renee** - April 09, 2017 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Annie Moody & ,Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie C. Curtis*



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**Annie Moody & ,Family** - April 07, 2017 at 05:23 PM