



Marzetta (Branch) Roberts

September 21, 1917 - July 16, 2022

Marzetta (Branch) Roberts, born Friday, September 21, 1917, in Adairsville, GA, daughter of the late Judson Branch and Pauline (Gillard) Branch, transitioned into eternity on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Marzetta received her formal education at Swatara High School graduating in 1936. She was employed as a caregiver, housekeeper as well as long-term employment with the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles. She was the recipient of several awards from Dauphin County, Swatara Township and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Marzetta was united in Christian fellowship with Monumental AME Church, Steelton, PA, where she served as Steward, Missionary and with many other auxiliaries over the years. Marzetta could be found anywhere there was a need in the church, and she was not shy to tell anyone how much she loved Jesus. One of her grandchildren's fondest memories of her was her bedtime routine; after the news was over, she would read her Bible in a little blue chair and pray at her bedside.

After high school, Marzetta married the love-of-her-life, William H. Roberts "Billy" on May 10, 1938, in Hagerstown, MD. Affectionately called "Det." by Billy, Marzetta and Billy immediately started their family and finished with five boys. Marzetta was a loving and nurturing mother. She enjoyed cooking,

baking and spending time with her children. She attended everything her boys were involved in including programs and athletic events until she was spotted running down the sideline onto the field completing a touchdown along with her son Spencer. At that point, she was lovingly banned by her husband Billy from attending her sons' sporting events. Marzetta also served as the Den Mother for the Oberlin Cub Scouts until her son Charles "Pean" joined the troop. At that point, she retired because she knew the handful he was going to be. Marzetta was considered the "Village Mother" and assisted as Matriarch to those families whose mothers had passed on. She was also known to feed the neighborhood. You could catch her riding to several stores every other week with her personal shopping chauffeur, Michael, in a '79 Monte Carlo. Marzetta would have the car so packed with food that she, Michael and Mama all had to sit on the front seat. She continued making holiday dinners well into her 90's which included weeks of cookie baking with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many people would stop by for their tins of freshly baked cookies that were made with lots of butter and lots of love. Many have sat at her table and enjoyed home-cooked meals while being asked repeatedly, "Did you get enough to eat?" Marzetta truly enjoyed entertaining and socializing. She was always the light and joy of the party; you could find her dancing, even in her seat, at her 100th Birthday Party.

Marzetta always maintained an immaculate home even with five active sons. She dressed her table and buffet with beautiful tablecloths and doilies. However, she would chase after her son Larry who wanted to run the vacuum and dust several times a day. In her later years, she enjoyed the company of her oldest son, Billy Bob, who was sure to have her dinner on the table promptly at 6:30 p.m. as she requested. "She Was The Boss!"

Marzetta was a "Gem" and was loved by all who had the pleasure of being in her company. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Roberts Sr.; two sons, Lawrence E. Roberts and Spencer

I. Roberts; five sisters, Materice Crummel, Charles Mae Ingram, Anna Pauline Branch, Shirley Lomax and Patricia Branch; six brothers, Judson Branch, Albert Branch, Raymond Branch, Delbert Branch, Bill Branch and Marlin Branch.

She leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Jeanette Perry of Los Angeles; three sons, William H. Roberts Jr., Charles A. Roberts (Pat) and Michael J. Roberts (Pamela); fifteen grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Marzetta will truly be missed, forever loved, and never forgotten!

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

Churchville

Oberlin, PA

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

JUL 23. 8:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(717) 939-9950
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

Viewing

JUL 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(717) 939-9950
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
Harrisburg, PA 17104
(717) 939-9950
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

*CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE)
AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW SERVICE.*

Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



Wallace Funeral Directors - July 22, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



Wallace Funeral Directors - July 22, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GB

“ Loved visiting with her, she would talk your head off (Lol)... Rest well Queen!! Gone but never forgotten!



Gloria Bonner - August 01, 2022 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ I Give My Deepest Sympathy To The (Branch) Roberts Family, May This Beautiful Angel Rest In Heavenly Peace.

CASSANDRA MARTIN - July 25, 2022 at 02:50 PM

CM

“ CASSANDRA MARTIN lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



CASSANDRA MARTIN - July 25, 2022 at 02:44 PM

CF

“ Long lived the Queen...

*The realm of Oberlin, Pennsylvania shall
long remember and celebrate
the Life Lived by
Queen Mother Marzetta*

*Jake & Odessa's children
The Franklins (Fabian, Charles, Craig & Renae)*

Charley Franklin - July 24, 2022 at 09:27 AM

SF

“ Sandra Bowers & Family lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



Sandra Bowers & Family - July 23, 2022 at 01:24 PM

EA

“ *Elaine Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts*



Elaine Anderson - July 23, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *I can remember her walking up the hill to visit her mother, Mom Branch always with a big smile and with a kind word. Seeing her on the back of a motorcycle and dancing are 2 of my favorite memories of Aunt Marzetta.*

What a phenomenal lady! Thanks for loving us all so well Aunt Marietta. We will love and miss you forever 💜

Brenda Glenn - July 23, 2022 at 08:57 AM

EG

“ *I remember her fondly from meeting her through Spencer!!!! She was such an amazing woman to have the privilege and honor to have been graced by her presence, just listening to her telling stories about her life was always a highlight of my evenings ... May she Rest In Peace till we meet again*



Emma Grams - July 22, 2022 at 10:05 PM

DR

“ I cherished your kindness and spirit; always there for others. Your beautiful memory will live on on those left behind. Rest in God’s loving arms. A life well lived!



Dawn Reeves - July 22, 2022 at 06:58 PM

HC

“ Well done thy good and faithful servant. Be encourage family. a message from the Presiding Elder, Rev. Lawrence C. Henryhand of the Harrisburg Progressive District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference. Submitted by the Harrisburg District Chaplain, Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey



Harrisburg District Chaplain - July 22, 2022 at 04:04 PM

BU

“ Button lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



button - July 22, 2022 at 03:04 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



dawn - July 22, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.



July 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.



July 22, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.



July 22, 2022 at 06:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.*



July 21, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *I'm sooooo glad I got to spend time with her 2 days in a row. I can truly say I bought her, her last chicken wings from Giant's. If you know her or are family, you know she loved 2 things.....dancing and 🐔 wings. Sleep peacefully auntie till I get there. Love 🥰❤️ you always and thanks for the fond memories. I can see you dancing 🧑🏻 in heaven with uncle Billy now. What a reunion ☐ that must have been 🥰🥰🥰💜💜💜🙏🙏🙏*

Robin L Hall (aka) Cricket - July 21, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.*



July 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.*



July 21, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.*



July 21, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Roberts and Branch families on the loss of Marzetta. She was so sweet and had a beautiful smile. May all have beautiful memories of her. God bless.*

Jen Stoner

Jen Stoner - July 21, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lynda Hume lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts*



Lynda Hume - July 21, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.*



July 21, 2022 at 12:47 PM

LJ

“ Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on Mrs. Robert's passing. We will miss our visits with her whenever we came in town. She was a remarkable woman.

LaMont and Wanda Johnson



LaMont Johnson - July 21, 2022 at 11:54 AM

GF

“ Gillard Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts.



Gillard Family - July 21, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DT

“ Mrs. Marietta will be greatly missed. She was loved. God bless you all. The Hitchcock and Waters Families



Debra L Thompson - July 21, 2022 at 10:47 AM

DT

“ You now have your own Guardian Angel. May God bless you all. She was loved by all who knew her. Debbi and Lyn



Debra L Thompson - July 21, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DL

“ With deepest sympathy on the passing of Marzetta. May she rest in peace.



Donna & Lupe - July 21, 2022 at 08:55 AM

DR

“ Dawn Reeves lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts



Dawn Reeves - July 21, 2022 at 08:06 AM

SH

“ My memories of Mrs. Marzetta Roberts aka to me as "Mom Roberts " is rooted in the fact that she was my son Cory's Grandmother. She was a loving, caring, woman with a magnetic personality. She never forgot your name, events, or birthday. She leaves a legacy that is one for the history books. Her living was not in vain. I love and honor this remarkable woman of God.
Respectfully submitted by
Stephanie Lawrence Holloway

Stephanie Holloway - July 20, 2022 at 09:18 PM

TA

“ To the Roberts and Branch family. my deepest sympathy. Rev. Frank Dudley

The Village of Oberlin and St. Paul AME - July 20, 2022 at 08:37 PM

TA

“ *To Aunt Marzetta we will love you forever. The entire village of Oberlin and the Roberts family*

The Village of Oberlin and St. Paul AME - July 20, 2022 at 08:33 PM

SP

“ *St. Paul AME Church Oberlin, Pa lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts*



St. Paul AME Church Oberlin, Pa - July 20, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SP

“ *St. Paul AME Church Oberlin, Pa lit a candle in memory of Marzetta (Branch) Roberts*



St. Paul AME Church Oberlin, Pa - July 20, 2022 at 08:27 PM