



Hasseltine Howard

August 26, 1928 - May 18, 2017

Hasseltine Roberta Young Howard was the first-born child of Ethel and William Young. She was born on August 26, 1928 in Johnson City, Tennessee and peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on May 18, 2017.

Hasseltine was educated in the Johnson City public school system where she attended Langston High School. Her siblings include Andrew (deceased), Eddie (deceased), Thomas and half-sister Hazel Brown (deceased).

In 1946, Hasseltine was united in holy matrimony to Lester A. Howard of Jonesborough, Tennessee. Five children were born and reared during their marriage—which lasted until Lester’s passing in 2006. In addition to the nurturing and upbringing of her children, she and Lester served as parents for two grandchildren, Alderson “Choppie” and Bryan, and a great-granddaughter, Megan. Ever vigilant regarding their care and well-being, she worked hard to ensure they were well taken care of and loved as only a grandmother could do.

Hasseltine touched the lives of many people in a very positive manner during her life time. Ever the giving and caring person, she and Lester provided care for several other family members who needed help and assistance. These persons included her mother, Ethel Young, cousins Maggie Warlix, Dawlyn Warlix and the subsequent parenting of Dawlyn’s son, Joseph Warlix. Her love and caring for family and friends was boundless. She would often ask relatives and friends if she could purchase something for them and many accepted this invitation of charity and compassion.

Always a committed and hard worker, Hasseltine spent over thirty years with the J. C. Penney Company. She was well known for her quick smile and positive greetings to customers. Key among her personal characteristics was her fondness for being a stylish dresser. As a result, Hasseltine became well known and revered throughout the Johnson City community for her fashionable dress, graciousness, compassion and good sense of humor. Following her excellent career and subsequent retirement from J. C. Penney, she used her sales experience and customer service knowledge at Big Lots department store where she again was successful. Consequently, Hasseltine touched the lives of many people in a very positive and uplifting manner. A long-time member of Bethel Christian Church, Hasseltine sang in the choir, was active in the Christian Women's Fellowship and served on numerous committees over the years. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and ensured that her children attended church on a regular basis. Never one to hold back on suggestions and observations, she offered many suggestions for improvements to the church and enhancements to church services and programs.

Those left to cherish precious memories of her are her children: Norman (Nancy) Howard, Yulanda Howard Griffith, Alphenis Howard, Theresa Howard Wright and Janice (Fred) Cash; grandchildren: Erick (Ingra) Howard, Nicole (Jason) Lee, Nichelle Howard, Alderson Griffith, Bryan Griffith, Dustin (Stephanie) Howard, Brandon Howard and Cheri Wright; ten great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson, sister-in-law Barbara Young; former daughter-in-law Verna Howard Snapp, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Affectionately known as Mama, Grandma, Teen and Tina, Hasseltine's family and friends will forever hold her legacy of loving generosity and faith in their hearts.

The family will receive friends at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Bethel Christian Church, 701 Depot Street, Jonesborough, TN. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Vincent M. Dial officiating. Interment will be at Washington County Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be

her grandsons.

The family extends much appreciation and special thanks to all the staff of Lakebridge Healthcare Center for the compassionate love, care and attention shown to Hasseltine during her stay there.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Christian Church
701 Depot St
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Interment

MAY 23. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall



“ *Hasseltine Howard*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hasseltine Howard.*



May 30, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ *Patricia Bristol lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



patricia bristol - May 29, 2017 at 02:19 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Howard's passing. She was a beautiful and lovely person. My parents who have now passed, Thad and Geneva Woolwine admired Mrs Howard and she was always the sweetest person to me and my family. My brothers, Eugene and Thaddeus Woolwine (passed) also enjoyed spending time with their cousin, Mrs Howard when they were in Johnson City. God Bless to the family during their time of mourning.

*Prince and Sandra Woolwine
Garland, Texas*

Prince Woolwine - May 27, 2017 at 03:45 PM

AC

“ Always had a pretty smile and a warm and friendly hi everytime you saw her. R.I.P. luv, wee wee

Audrey Carr/Adams - May 26, 2017 at 07:47 PM

CE

“ From the first time I met this very SPECIAL lady in the elevator of J.C. Penney's to the last time she checked me out at Big Lots, she never changed. "To know her was to love her". Looking forward to spending eternity with her in Heaven!

Charlene Elliott

Charlene Elliott - May 24, 2017 at 04:17 PM

RB

“ *Roddy Bird lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



Roddy Bird - May 23, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JD

“ *Today as you celebrate the live of you Mother, Grandmother and Great grandmother remember that others are praying for you at this most difficult time and send to you and your our DEEPEST SYMPATHY.*



JoAnn Dockery - May 23, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JC

“ *James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES sent a virtual gift in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES - May 23, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JC

“ *James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



James And Brenda AKINS CHARLES - May 23, 2017 at 07:29 AM

AT

“ Although she wasn't mine by blood, she was "Mammaw" to me. You couldn't ask for a better woman. My youngest son was her little buddy while we were around. I remember the two of them teaming up on Janice to take them to Golden Corral every Sunday. The "hill" just won't be the same without her. We love and miss you Mammaw and the rest of the family.

Amber Tester - May 23, 2017 at 06:53 AM

PR

“ Patria Rhea lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Patria Rhea - May 23, 2017 at 05:41 AM

CS

“ To the Howard Family, or sincere condolences we will have each of you in our thoughts, and we will miss her so very much ,as the mother of her 2 great-granddaughters Ambra, and Megan the love and kindness she showed will forever be remember . Cherry Griffith Starnes



Cherry Griffith Starnes - May 23, 2017 at 12:05 AM

CR

“ Chris&Virginia Rhea lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Chris&Virginia Rhea - May 22, 2017 at 11:44 PM

CP

“ To the Howard Family or sincere condolences We will miss her dearly.Love Charles And Peggy.

Charles and Peggy - May 22, 2017 at 10:13 PM



“ Cheryl Rhea lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Cheryl Rhea - May 22, 2017 at 09:28 PM



Mrs. Hasseltine,

Sweet, sweet Teenager! Her heart forever young, her loving-kindness enveloped all those around. And always, always something beautiful to say or to share. One of God's brightest and best. A light that will always be remembered for it's special glow. And though now dimmed, will never be extinguished because she will live on in the many cherished memories of all she touched along life's way. Rest peaceful, Sweet, sweet Teenager!

Prayers and condolences to the Family from all of us at "1510".

Cheryl Rhea - May 22, 2017 at 09:35 PM

CD

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the Howard family! She was a wonderful person and I know she will be greatly missed! I enjoyed seeing her at church whenever I came home to visit my parents. RIP.... Mrs. Haseltine.

Cheryl Bridwell Dyer

Cheryl Dyer - May 22, 2017 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ *My prayers go out to the family and friends. She was a jewel. RIP Lovely Lady you will be missed. Rev. Christine Scurry*



Christine Widby Scurry - May 22, 2017 at 06:53 PM

Tammy Fields

“ *Mamaw how can I ever forget you? You were one of the finest women I ever had the pleasure of meeting in my whole lifetime. I don't know what it's going to be like to drive by your house and not see you there no more I remember sitting outside with choppie and bryan and you tell stories about their childhood we used to laugh till we cried. Your smile and your kindness was welcomed everywhere you went it would light up a room every time you walked in. You now can walk the streets of gold with your sweet husband and enjoy life pain free and happy mamaw I love you and you will never be forgotten you will always be in my heart. R.I.H mamaw I love u*



Tammy Fields - May 22, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ *Pamela Renea lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



Pamela Renea - May 22, 2017 at 05:38 PM



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Pamela Renea - May 22, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ This candle is for my sweet cousin. I will miss our calls and your calming voice. Love Renee and Geary Coles



Lillian Coles - May 22, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ Melvin Drumgoole lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Melvin Drumgoole - May 22, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ I've know Hasseltine for 40+ years. She was such an inspiration to me & always brightened my day! Praying for God's comfort on your family and also rejoicing that Hasseltine is at home in our Savior's arms.

Peggy Lanzon - May 22, 2017 at 02:32 PM

BD

“ Hasseltine was such a tremendous influence in my teenage years. Then over the years we saw each other at Penny's and at Big Lots. You have a wonderful mother and grandmother. I loved her, respected her and I am proud to have known her.
Betsy Dale

Betsy Dale - May 22, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Hasseltine Howard.



May 22, 2017 at 11:52 AM

VK

“ I suppose I saw Hasseltine more often at Penney's than anywhere else, even though we both resided in Jonesborough. We always enjoyed a good conversation at those times. She was always friendly and gracious, a beautiful and elegant lady. It is no surprise that she was a greatly valued employee. Our sons Charles and Paul Kennedy will remember her grandsons Choppie and Bryan from Jonesborough Elementary School days. My husband Bill and I send our sympathy and love to all the family and pray for God's comfort and peace in your time of grief and remembering. We know you loved her enormously and will miss her greatly . - Virginia Kennedy

Virginia Kennedy - May 22, 2017 at 11:18 AM

BB

“ *May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart. Deepest sympathy,*
Barbara & Bunny



Barbara & Bunny - May 22, 2017 at 10:59 AM

TB

“ *Janice, Fred & Howard Family,*
So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear sweet mother. She was such a good example to her family and all who knew her. As a Christian woman she was always joyful and kind and always had a smile. She was most generous to her family whenever there was a need. Opened her home to many. I pray that the pain in your hearts will pass quickly by and for the days to think of her and not be sad will quickly come. You loved, honored and respected her greatly. For that I know she was thankful. God Bless and keep you all until you are united again rejoicing in heaven.
~Trevia, Wayne & Family~

Trevia Bise - May 22, 2017 at 10:03 AM

JR

“ I first met Hasseltine when she worked at the Penny's store. She always had a quick smile and ready wit and I enjoyed exchanging greetings and other remarks with her. I also had the pleasure of having her daughter, Janice, in my Cadette Scout troop. Hasseltine and I always discussed the progress of our children and later on, our grandchildren and we exchanged many stories of the doings of our "kids". I never saw her that she was not wearing her smile and sunny disposition. Her family was very fortunate to have had her and I was blessed to make her acquaintance. I know that we will all miss her presence among us.
Joan Russell



Joan T Russell - May 22, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hasseltine Howard.



May 22, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ Cissy Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Cissy Rollins - May 22, 2017 at 05:41 AM

TW

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers.
Tina
Daughter of Imogene Miller-Barrow*



Tina Miller - Washington - May 21, 2017 at 10:55 PM

BY

“ *Family*

*You have my deepest sympathy. I will always
remember her loving kindness to me when I
lived next to her in Jonesborough.*



Barbara Yett - May 21, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Hasseltine Howard.*



May 21, 2017 at 08:34 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of
Hasseltine Howard*



Pauline Douglas - May 21, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Hasseltine Howard.*



May 21, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *Janice, am so sorry to hear about your Mother. I remember her & her famous cooking that she so generously shared with all of us at PCC. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. May God Bless & give you strength during this most difficult time.*

Susan

SUSAN BARLOW - May 21, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *SUSAN BARLOW lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



SUSAN BARLOW - May 21, 2017 at 04:05 PM

CB

“ Ms. Hasseltine was such a sweet and precious lady. I got the pleasure of meeting her when she worked with my Mom a short time at Zak's Furniture and then we would go see her at Big Lots when she went to work there. She always had a smile on her face when we would see her. Many thoughts and prayers for the family and friends who love her and will miss her everyday.

Charlotte Ramey Brookman

Charlotte Ramey Brookman - May 21, 2017 at 03:49 PM

DC

“ Brandon, so sorry to hear about your grandmother. I always enjoyed talking to her at Big Lots. We had fun discussing you, Michael, and Andrew when you boys were in school together. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmly,
Donna Chaudron
Katy, Texas (formerly Johnson City)

Donna Chaudron - May 21, 2017 at 12:08 PM

SZ

“ When I was little, I called her the M&M lady. Always so gracious and kind to everyone. My mother and I made sure to seek her out everytime we were in JC PENNEYS. We were delighted to meet up with her at Big Lots. She and my Mom both had a strong dislike for Chinese food. I would tease her about treating her to Chinese. (My Mom always doubted what kind of meat was served in Chinese restaurants.) My mother deeply respected her for breaking the racial and gender barriers to become a successful business woman. It was a honor to know her. I will be praying for all of her loved ones. Sincerely, Sarah Samples Zimmern

Sarah Zimmern - May 21, 2017 at 11:12 AM

CS

“ *Cherry Sell lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



cherry sell - May 21, 2017 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ *To the family of my dear sweet friend, Hasseltine, GOD give you the strength and courage to deal with your loss of this wonderful woman. I was a small child when she Worked at Penny's downtown, at the candy counter and the elevator, and anywhere else In the store she was called to work. Even as a little child, I saw what a sweet and kind Person she was. I happened to be in her line at Big Lots quiet a few years ago, and I knew immediately it was Hasseltine.....and she remembered me! We were so happy to See each other again!! We hugged and hugged each other. I so enjoyed talking with her, And went through her line every time I could. I knew she had some health issues, for She told me, so I prayed for her from then on. She never changed in her looks or her Sweet spirit. She always looked young, and was a beautiful soul! I will always miss seeing her, but she is in so much a better place, and is completely healed! I loved her very much, and will always remember her. GOD BLESS YOU.*

Cherry Taylor Sell

Was raised in Leesberg, but now live in Johnson City

cherry sell - May 21, 2017 at 10:02 AM

AP

“ Hasseltine had long left JCP when I worked there, but she was still a customer. That's how I met her. Years after I left the company, we kept in touch at Big Lots. I often would ask for her if she wasn't on the register, she would insist on checking me out even though I only wanted to say hello. Such a sweet lady that holds a special place in my heart. Love and prayers for the family during this difficult time.



AprilTipton - May 20, 2017 at 11:00 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



crystal anderson - May 20, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ Terry Perkins lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Terry Perkins - May 20, 2017 at 01:59 PM

CW

“ I knew Hasseltine when I worked at JCP. She was such a sweet, Christian woman and I always felt so good after speaking with her. What a special mother she must have been. May God continue to bless you with wonderful memories.

Cindi Smallman Wilson

Cindi Wilson - May 20, 2017 at 12:21 PM

CR

“ Clara Faye Hart Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - May 20, 2017 at 09:20 AM

CR

May our Lord wrap each of you in His Arms of Comfort as you go through the days that will continue to remind you of her absence from this physical world. However, rejoice in the reassurance that she now dwells in the eternal presence of our Lord and Savior for as the Apostle Paul wrote "To be absent from the body is to be present in the Lord." She will continue to be with you in your heart and you will smile through tears as memories of good times and laughter dry them. The lessons that she taught you will become words of wisdom that you will pass on to others. I thank each of you for sharing her with me and my family. May each of you walk in the path toward the light which her love lit and rest in the assurance that you will see her again by following her lead in stewardship, servitude, and dedication to her Lord, family, church and community.

Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - May 20, 2017 at 09:50 AM

NP

“ Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard



Nancy Posey - May 19, 2017 at 09:31 PM

NP

“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL FAMILY, MY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT ALL THE FAMILY. SHE WAS A VERY LOVING PERSON, MAY SHE RIP NANCY (AKINS) POSEY

Nancy Posey - May 19, 2017 at 09:30 PM

MH

“ My Dear Sweet Cousin Hasseltine, I always looked forward to seeing your beautiful face, big smile and warm hugs. You always made me laugh and feel loved. I will always cherish those memories. To my family, I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time. I love you all, and God bless you.
Moricina Hunter-Fain

Moricina Hunter-Fain - May 19, 2017 at 08:17 PM

CJ

“ My spare change buddy. I love you. My thoughts and prayers are with the family throughout this time. May God bless us all. With all my love. Charles JR.

Charles warlix jr - May 19, 2017 at 07:29 PM

GG

“ *Gail Goines lit a candle in memory of Hasseltine Howard*



Gail Goines - May 19, 2017 at 05:23 PM