

Alice Rebecca Bennett

November 14, 1915 - January 18, 2015

On Sunday, January 18, 2015, Alice Rebecca Bennett passed away at Beth Shalom Nursing Home in Virginia Beach, Virginia and entered into eternal rest. She was 99 years-old. She was born to the late Joseph Adam Biscoe and Roxie Adeline Langley on November 14, 1915 on St. Jerome's Neck in St. Mary's County, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Anthony Bennett, whom she married on October 7, 1940; her son, Norman; and her sister and brother in-law, Regina and Richard Hewlett.

Alice grew up on a farm in St. Jerome's Neck. She was raised by her aunt Mary Agnes "Nanny" Langley and grew up in a household with her sister and seven cousins (Ethel, Reid, Beatrice, Benjamin, Ernestine, Mason, Montel who also preceded her in death). She was educated at St. Peter Claver School and was a loyal and faithful member of St. Peter Claver Church.

Miss Alice, as she was lovingly known as, was committed to unselfishly helping others whether it was family members, church members, or strangers. Her unselfish acts led her to provide unconditional love and care for foster children. She was involved with the Cardinal Gibbons High School and St. Peter Claver Bands. She assisted in transporting band members and the nuns from the Oblate Sisters of Providence from one performance to another. She was a longtime member of the Knights of St. Jerome, the oldest Catholic fraternal organization within the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Alice spent many hours on the water fishing, crabbing, and oystering in her beloved St. Jerome's Creek on her skiff. She was known as a family and county historian providing information to families about their loved ones and also providing historical information regarding St. Mary's County to college students and county historians. But her greatest passion was photography...she loved taking pictures on any and all occasions. Her camera would be ready to capture events as they were happening! She willingly shared photos to any family and friends that requested copies. She took special care of her photo collection providing dates, location, people and events. After relocating to Chesapeake, Virginia she generously donated many of her photos to the St. Peter Claver Museum.

Alice will be truly missed by all who loved her. To date, she was known as the oldest member of St. Peter Claver Church.

Alice leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Barbara J. Brooks (Arthur) Chesapeake, Virginia; grandchildren Airrion L. Brooks (Michelle) and Sheena L. Cox (Trevin) both of Virginia Beach, Virginia; great grandchildren, Tahlia, Kayla, Jalen, and Kennedy; and a host of cousins and countless friends.

Family will receive friends for Alice's Life Celebration on Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 16922 St. Peter Claver Road, St. Inigoes MD, 20684. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

[written by the family; from Brinsfield Funeral Home PA website

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