



Bessie Ada Eckstein

November 15, 1945 - February 11, 2025

American-made Nashville, Tennessee, was Bessie's birthplace. She was the third child of her parents, Leroy and Dorothy Cole, deceased. She grew up in a house on Baxter Avenue with her three brothers and sister. She was the middle child of her family. She had two older brothers, Leroy the eldest and then Joseph, who predeceased her, and after her, Thomas and the youngest her sister Mary.

After marrying Edward Eckstein, she moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and became a homemaker and a devoted mother of three daughters, Charlotte and Sharon, who predeceased her and Sheila. She was married to her lifelong spouse, Ed, for years. Her family, a source of love and support, stood by her during her courageous four-year battle with lung cancer.

Bessie was a great-great-grandmother many times over, had oodles of cousins, nieces,

nephews, and plenty of aunts and uncles.

During her illness, her daughter and many grandchildren supported and assisted her. She passed away nine months before her eightieth birthday, surrounded by their love.

After her passing, Bessie's bereaved survivors made the heartfelt decision to take custody of her cremains, ensuring that her memory will always be cherished and honored.