

March 3, 1947 - May 12, 2023

“Mama Bee”



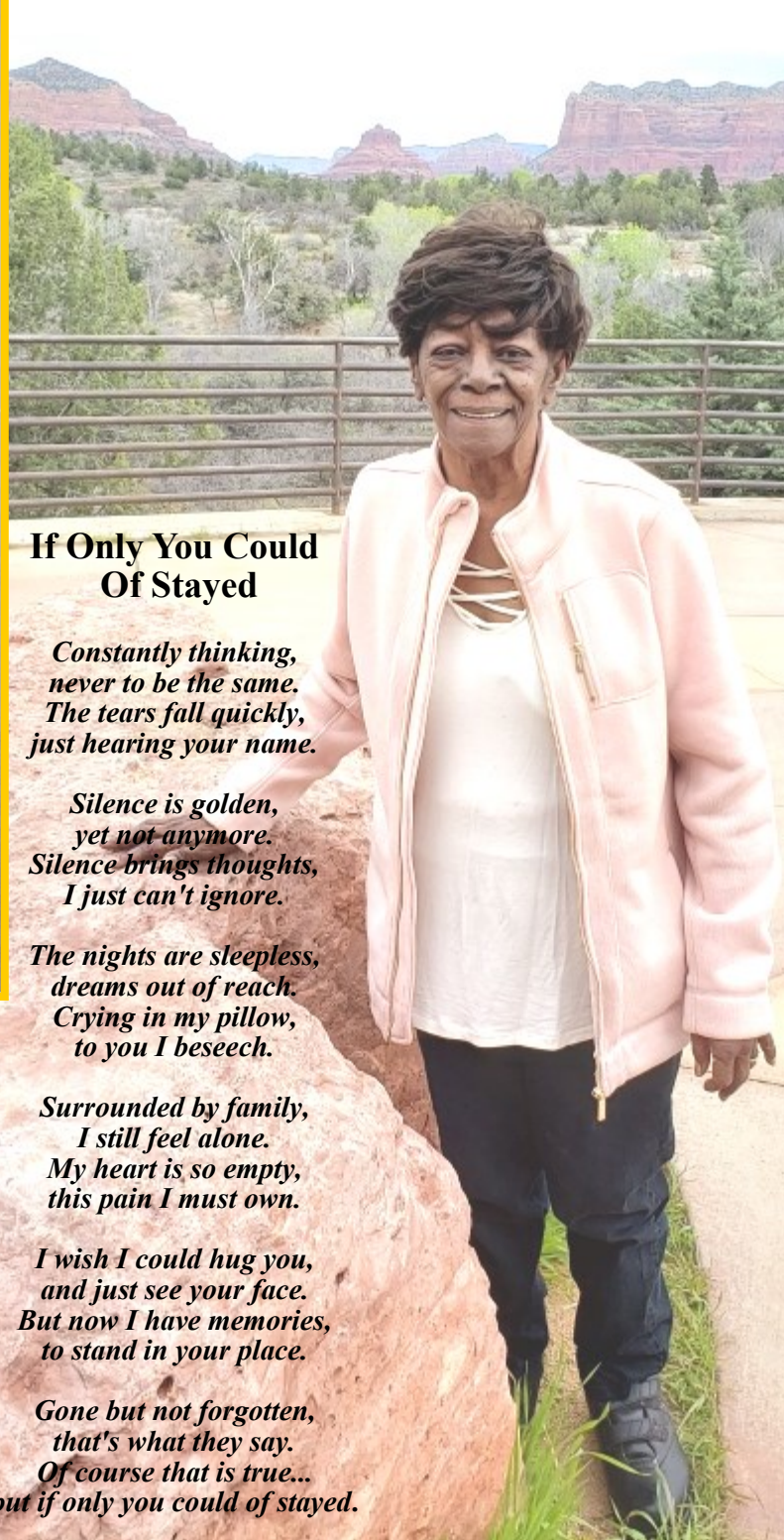
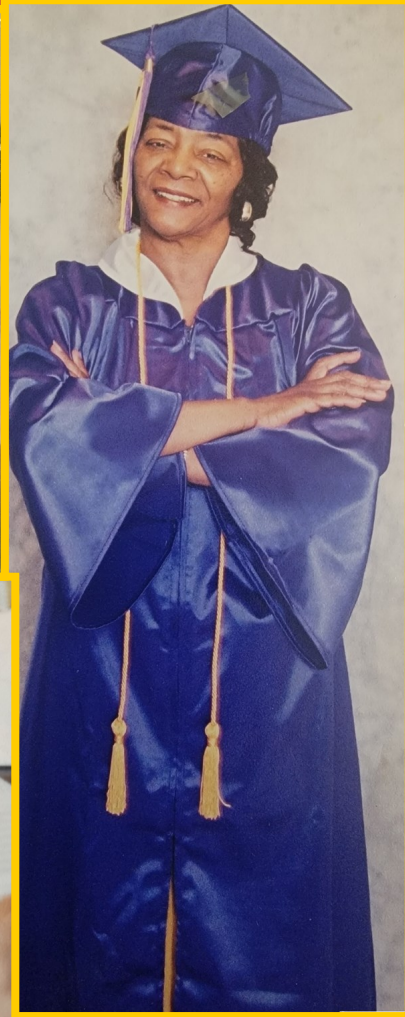
Mother Betty J. Temple

**CELEBRATING HER LIFE & LEGACY**

Services Held At:

**Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church**  
3634 Brooklyn Avenue Kansas City, Missouri 64129  
Thursday, May 25, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.  
*Pastor Alfred White, Officiating*

# Betty J. Temple



## **If Only You Could Of Stayed**

*Constantly thinking,  
never to be the same.  
The tears fall quickly,  
just hearing your name.*

*Silence is golden,  
yet not anymore.  
Silence brings thoughts,  
I just can't ignore.*

*The nights are sleepless,  
dreams out of reach.  
Crying in my pillow,  
to you I beseech.*

*Surrounded by family,  
I still feel alone.  
My heart is so empty,  
this pain I must own.*

*I wish I could hug you,  
and just see your face.  
But now I have memories,  
to stand in your place.*

*Gone but not forgotten,  
that's what they say.  
Of course that is true...  
but if only you could of stayed.*



# REMEMBER

## *When Tomorrow Starts*

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not there to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears of me;*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today;  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you loved me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me  
I know you'll miss me too;*

*When tomorrow starts without me  
We won't be far apart,  
I want you to remember,  
I'm right here, in your heart.*



## Life Reflections

*Betty J. Temple affectionately known as “Mama Bee” was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina to Linwood Nicholson and Lucille Burt Nicholson on March 3, 1947. At a young age, she moved to the Philadelphia area with her extended family where she received her education.*

*Betty later relocated to Kansas City, Missouri with her late husband, Rev. Ambrose Eugene Temple III, where she was a devoted wife and mother of seven (7) children.*

*Betty started her career in nursing, caring for patients in long-term facilities. This sparked her journey into community and political advocacy with a primary focus on rights for senior citizens and minorities. This is evidenced by the establishment of the New Gray Panthers Kansas City Chapter where she served as president for several years. She was a committee member for the Grandparents as Parents Association and could often be found at rallies or protests, including going to the State Capital, to address local and regional injustices. During this time, Betty also obtained her PhD in Christian Counseling and served as a mentor, advocate, and friend to many. Her joy for family, travel, and education was an inspiration for us all and her legacy will live on.*

*Betty transitioned to glory on Friday, May 12, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Linwood Nicholson and Lucille Burt Nicholson; husband, Rev. Ambrose Eugene Temple III; brothers, Willie Earl Nicholson, and Sammie Lee Nicholson; grandchild, Montee' Ross Jr., and special friend, Darnell Revell.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory, one son, Thomas 'Tony' Temple Sr. (Mary Temple); six daughters, Tracey Temple, Tyra Walker (Crit Walker Sr.), Sarale Gilliam (Otha Gilliam), Merial Berry (LaMont Berry Sr.), Robin J. Kearney (Jim Kearney), and Alicia 'Lisa' Temple; sister, Regina Johnson (Atlanta, GA.), brother, Alvin Nicholson (Philadelphia, PA), and sister, Sonja Spencer (Kansas City); Aunt Lilly (New York); sister cousin, Marie Noel; twenty grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren with 1 on the way; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family members, and friends.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Processional*

*Clergy & The Family*

*Crowning Ceremony*

*Golden Gate*

*Prayer*

*Clergy*

*Old Testament*

*Pastor Stevie Wakes*

*New Testament*

*Rev. Herman Flowers*

*Selection*

*Darius Shepherd*

*Praise Dance*

*Unique Walker*

*Acknowledgements & Condolences*

*Donje' Chatmon*

*Life Reflection*

*Video Presentation*

*Remarks*

*Family & Friends  
Two (2) Minutes Please  
(Limit 7 People)*

*Poem*

*Tyra Walker*

*Words of Comfort*

*Jamere Brown*

*Selection*

*Recessional*



*~ Interment ~*

**XII Gates Memorial Gardens  
9500 Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64134**

**MOTHER**



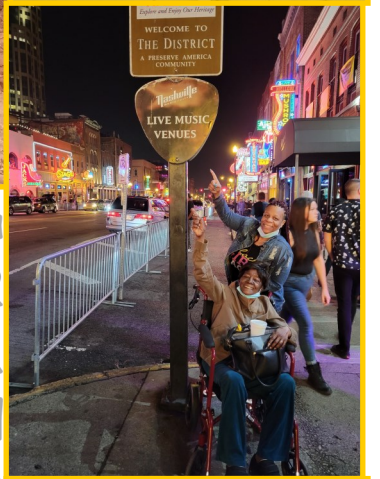
**MEMORIES**



**FAMILY**

**OF MEDICINE,  
AND ALLIED**





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## *Acknowledgement*

*We the family wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our many friends for all acts of kindness shown during our moment of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us. Special thanks to Tracy Walker for care you provided to our mom and DaVita Dialysis Inc. May God forever bless and keep each of you.*

### *Pall Bearers*

*Tylon Hall-Temple*

*Lamont Berry II*

*Lorenzo Henderson*

*Tyrone Henderson*

*Tyrell Henderson*

*Jonathan Henderson*

*De'Andre Henderson*

*Dante Spencer*

### *Honorary*

### *Pallbearers*

*Tony Temple*

*Alvin Nicholson*

*Marquise Payne*

*Thomas Temple*

*LaMont Berry Sr.*

*Otha Gilliam*



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

## **Golden Gate Funeral Chapel**

2800 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64127

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