



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Betty Mae Archer*

JANUARY 15, 1940 - JULY 1, 2024

# Obituary

Betty Mae Archer of Portland, OR transitioned to be with the Lord on Monday July 1, 2024, at the age of 84 years old. Originally named Mary Ella Blacknall by her great grandmother and family midwife, she was born January 15, 1940, in Groesbeck, TX to Lillie Mae and Reese Blacknall.

Betty married John Archer, known as Johnny on January 18, 1965, in Vancouver, WA. They shared 11 years of marriage. She built a career as a CNA where she worked at numerous nursing and retirement homes throughout the city before retiring to care for her mother.

Affectionately known as Sally by family and close friends, and Mother Archer by her church community, she was extremely social and enjoyed being active, going fishing, traveling, bowling, playing cards, dominoes, attending the horse and dog races, quilting, sewing, and making ceramics. She received a number of certificates of achievement for cake decorating and she loved watching cartoons, Bruce Lee films, Godzilla movies and coloring. Most of all she loved spending time with family and close friends, hosting numerous family Sunday dinners.



She was known for making crochet blankets and dogs and her delicious foods, especially those barbie doll cakes. She was gifted in hospitality and with an open-door policy, she opened her home to everybody. Her mother and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was a mother of mothers.

Betty became a faithful member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church under the leadership of Apostle Lee Arthur Madison where she was appointed as a 'Mother' of the Church. She ended her days as a beloved Mother at New Zion Revival under the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Willie Hurst where she served for nearly 20 years.

Betty Archer was preceded in death by her father, Reese Blacknall, mother, Lillie Mae Blacknall, granddaughter Mahalia Blacknall and daughter-in-law, Toni Blacknall.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Dwaine and Reese Blacknall, daughter Linda Long (Ken Long), grandchildren, Amanda Gear, Andira Harris, Rachel Giambrone, Zacharay Little, Anthony Blacknall - Nelson of Las Vegas, Clarence Harris, Jacques Harris and Brittany Harris, great grandchildren, Amia Harris, Midaya Burns, Alaia Rogers, Audriella Harris, Liora Harris, Jacques Harris, Lillie Harris, Laila Harris, Melanie Zuniga-Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

# Order of Service



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| Processional            | Clergy & Family          |
| Officiant               | Pastor Earon L. Davis Jr |
| Scripture Reading       | Pastor Sheila Scott      |
| Prayer                  | Apostle Matt Schrieber   |
| Musical Selection       | Reisha Jackson           |
| Acknowledgements/Cards  | Georgeanne Pierce        |
| Resolution              | Jeanie Paschal           |
| Slide Show Presentation | Rose City Staff          |
| Obituary Reading        | Malinda Flowers          |
| Expressions (1 min.)    | Family & Friends         |
| Musical Selection       | Ale'a Johnson            |
| Eulogy                  | Pastor Willie X. Hurst   |
| Viewing                 | Family & Friends         |
| Recessional             | Clergy & Friends         |
| Internment              | Pastor Willie X. Hurst   |

Repast hosted at Bethesda Christian Church  
109 N. Emerson St.  
Portland, OR 97217



## *Pallbearers*

Clerance Harris

Jacques Harris

DeAngelo Anderson

Billie West Jr.

John Robinson

James Justice II

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Keith Blacknall

Stan Blacknall

Xavier Kearney

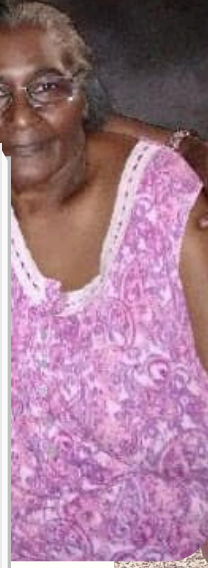
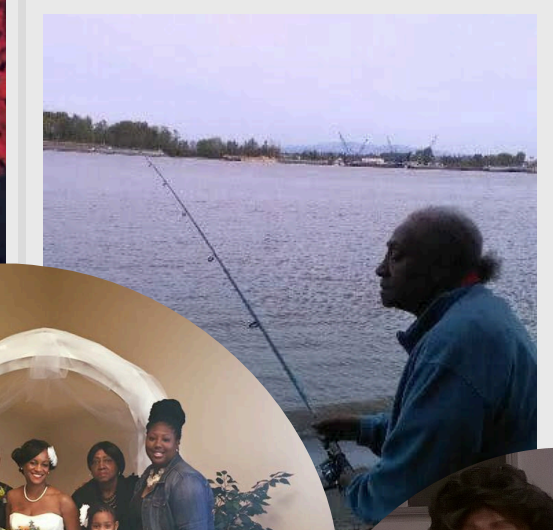
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# Acknowledgement of Thanks

The family of Betty Mae Archer would like to extend a heart felt thanks to Providence and Providence Elder Place staff, Sis. Georgeanne Pierce, Sis. Cheryl Griffin, and Virtuous Care for doing such a wonderful job providing her with such intentional and loving care.

So many people meant so much to her, a few honorable mentions are to cousin Carmelita Anderson-Hunter, she treasured your time together and thank you for your faithful visits and seeing after her until the end, cousin Francis O'Halloran, she so looked forward to your visits and playing cards with you almost weekly, thank you for being so mindful of her, Ms. Sheila Scott, she valued your friendship so much, Mother Zelma Daniels, you were a loyal friend and sister in the faith.

A special thank you to Pastor and Lady Hurst for your faithful leadership and kindness towards her always, you were truly her son and daughter in love. Thank you to New Zion Revival for giving her a church home that she loved, cared and prayed for.


Thank you to everyone who shared life with her and all those who came to see about her as she aged and during illness. She loved having visits.

Words cannot express our gratitude towards LaQuasha Hall. Thank you for making her glow.

Thank you to all who are on program and helped serve in any capacity. You are valued and appreciated.

Thank you to Bethesda Christian Church for hosting the repast.

Thank you to Rose City Cemetary & Funeral Home for managing and facilitating the details of Betty's homegoing celebration.





*Grandma, you will be remembered well,  
because you did well, lived well, and loved well.*

