

GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb;
so He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace Be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you but You didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.



The love of my life, Lonnie L. Tukes.
The Lord has kept His promise and united us together again.



PALLBEARERS

BJ Brown Calvin Statham
Ricardo Lance Spencer Tukes
Dwan Steele Phillip Willis

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Nieces and Grandchildren

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, support and acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Special Thanks to: Beverly Brown (God Daughter) and Diane Miller (friend) for always stopping by and offering to assist whenever needed. May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you.

The Family

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A Celebration Of Life

Betty 
J E A N T U K E S

April 3, 1947 — November 20, 2024



Tuesday, November 26, 2024
12:00 NOON

Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel
1011 Martin Luther King, Jr Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

EULOGIST, PASTOR MATTHEW HUDSON



REMEMBERING BETTY

Betty Jean Tukes was born in Crawford County, Georgia on April 3, 1947, to the parentage of Frank Bakon, Sr. and Cora Mae Bakon who preceded her in death.

She received her education from Crawford County Comprehensive High School. Upon graduation she met and married the love of her life, Lonnie Lee Tukes. Betty was also a member of the Pineview Church of Roberta, Georgia.

Betty Jean was a person who never stopped learning and as proof of her yearning to learn, she chose to work in different fields: her first job was in manufacturing at Bibb Plant, later she became a licensed Child Care Provider. She became so passionate about caring for young children that she opened her own day care center, Betty's Little Learners Day Care. She cared so much for the children she served until she never worked in any other field.

Betty retired years ago from Betty's Little Learners Day Care where she dedicated her life to serving and caring for children.

Her favorite past times included: reading, fishing, going to the movies and simply being around family and friends.

Betty entered eternal rest on November 20th, 2024, at her home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Lee Tukes; brother, Frank Bakon, Jr and sister, Mattie Mae Tripp.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her beloved son, Kirk Willis (Bonnie); sister, Dora Lee Willis; sisters-in-law, Annelle Dennis; Susie Ingram (Bernard); brother-in-law, Leon Tukes (Phyllis); nieces: Tracy Lance, Melinda Tripp and her daughters; devoted nephew, Leonard Willis, better known as "Good Buddy"; dedicated family members: Ernestine Tukes and Stephanie Tukes who often checked on her. She is also survived by her God Children, "The Browns." Rev. Bobby and Mrs. Flora Brown asked her to be the God Mother to their three children and she loved them as if they were her own. She accepted not only the Brown children as her God Children, but she was also God Mother to the Brown's grandchildren. Additionally, Betty leaves precious memories to the Pine View Baptist Church family, along with a host of other family members and friends.



Like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different directions,
yet our roots remain as one.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

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MUSICAL SELECTION

Min. Dexter Davis

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Rev. Dr. John Davis

MUSICAL SELECTION

Min. Dexter Davis

REFLECTIONS

(three minutes please)

MUSICAL SELECTION

Min. Dexter Davis

EULOGY

Pastor Matthew Hudson

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INTERMENT

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