



Order of Service

Processional
Clergy and Family

Final Viewing and Closing of the Bier

Selection
"Better Days" - LeAndria Johnson

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Dr. Jerome F. Coleman,
First Baptist Church of Crestmont in Willow Grove

Selection
"Something About the Name Jesus" - Rance Allen

Scripture Reading
Takayla and Soreyea Holmes
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: Romans 8:35-39

Reading of the Obituary
Makiya Holmes

Tributes/Remarks
Makiya Holmes

Selection
"Walk Around Heaven" - Patti Labelle

Words of Comfort/Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Jerome F. Coleman

Selection
"I'll Take You There" - BeBe & CeCe Winans

Benediction

Recessional
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Interment

Merion Memorial Park
59 Rock Hill Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Flower Bearers

Nieces, Nephews and Friends of the family

Tributes

Betty (Nelly) you have broken my heart. I never thought that you was leaving me so soon. I Love and going to miss you so much... all the laughs and tears we shared together it's all now a memory. I will forever love and cherish every moment.

Rest Easy until we meet again,
Betty aka my Nelly

-Love, Tracy Small

Betty, u will truly be missed. We had so many good times together which we will forever cherish, u would light up the room with ur dancing and laughter at our little get togethers, u were so much fun to be around, so rest in peace Cuz, love u.

- Rita & Rob/ cousins

Where do I start... Betty was authentically herself, full of laughter, light and life. I met Betty while coming home from work outside our apartment building almost 10 years ago. From the moment we met we clicked, it was almost like we knew each other before. We developed a close friendship and we became a lifeline's and staple's in each other's life. Everyone who knew Betty could tell you she was kind, generous and could force a laugh out of you, even if you didn't feel like it. Betty's infectious spirit will be missed. In my life experience, people like Betty aren't normally around for a long time and it's imperative to enjoy the time you do have with them while they're here. I will cherish the time, love, memories and laughter I got from Betty. We affectionately called her Betty Boop and I'll wait until the moment when our paths will cross again, to have the conversations that we never had due to her sudden passing. Rest easy Betty, your impact on your community will never be forgotten.

Your Friend til the end, Christopher

You have gained your wings now, go, and fly. It's an honor to have known you. To have shared laughs, fun, and memories, too. I'll always remember how you loved to dance and your hot beers, too. Your heart so kind and true.

Love Always, Dana (No eyebrows)

Love In The Wind

Though you have gained your wings
Whenever I think of you my heart will sing
Your smile no longer to be seen, your laughter no longer heard,
your spirit is with us like the song of a bird
The breeze on our skin and the sun on our face,
your loving persona never to be replaced
So when I feel a cool summer's wind,
I know it's you saying carry on until we meet again.

Love you Betty,
-Darisa

Yes, Betty Boo was my baby sister, I loved her so much. She was my morning greeting every day.... I'll truly miss her and the love she told me to keep giving y'all...she would tell me to tell Deena (Dana) and her family everyday how much she cared and missed us. My heart hurts Paula, she was life for all of us...hot beer and all.

Barbara Anderson

Although we haven't know each other that long, we clicked right away. Your genuine spirit will be missed, love you and R.I.P my Sagittarius Sister!

-Sylva

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the cards, flowers, condolences, and any other gestures of love following the loss of our beloved Betty Holmes. Your kindness will always be cherished. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Tracy Small for her years of dedicated friendship to Betty and for the unwavering support provided during this very difficult time.



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A Tribute to the Life of



Betty JEAN HOLMES

NOVEMBER 30, 1961 - OCTOBER 31, 2024

Service of Love
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

VIEWING: 10:30AM | SERVICE: 11:30AM

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"TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD"
II CORINTHIANS 5:8



Her Story

"To the outside world we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were. We know each other's hearts. We share private family jokes. We remember family feuds and secrets, family griefs and joys. We live outside the touch of time."

Betty Jean Holmes (Betty Boop) age 62, of Beaufort, South Carolina gained her wings Thursday, October 31, 2024. She was born November 30, 1961, to the late Jimmy Holmes and Mildred Goodwin in Beaufort, SC. She was the eighth of ten children and the third girl. She graduated from Battery Creek High School in 1980.

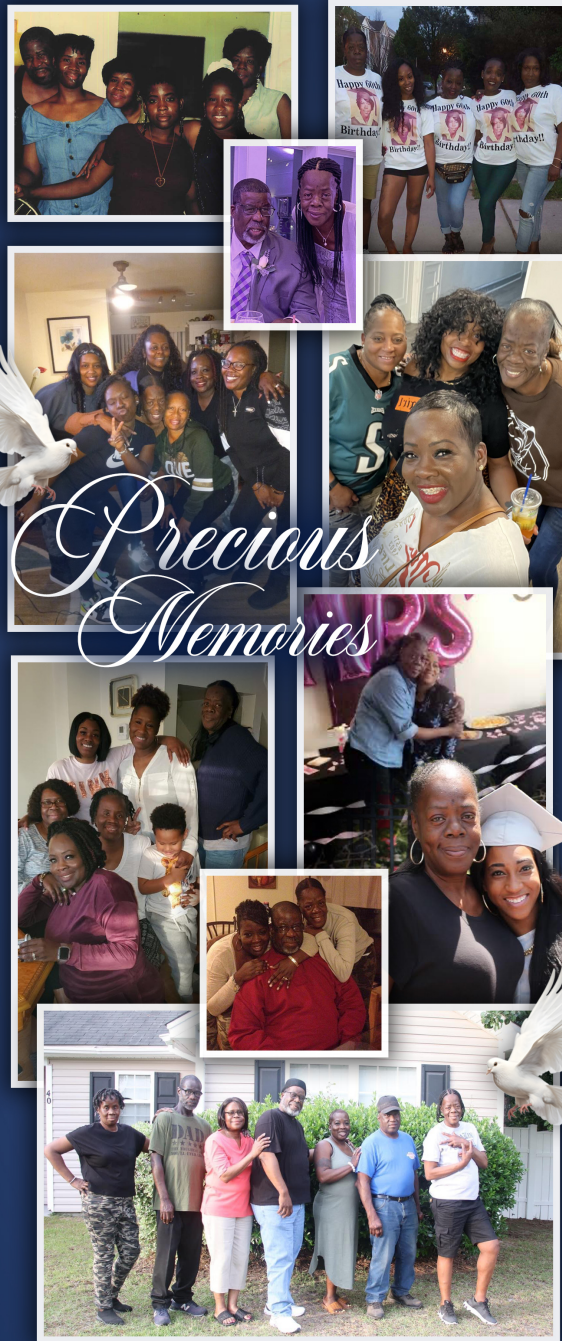
Betty moved to Washington DC in 1981 and then to Philadelphia in 2008 and was a regular attendee at the First Baptist Church of Crestmont in Willow Grove. Betty's faith in God was strong and she was grateful for the blessings she received throughout her life. Family and friends affectionately referred to her as the life of the party; no one could "Slow Roll It" quite like she could. There was never a dull moment in her presence. Betty loved her family, consistently expressing her love and protection and no one better mess with her baby sister or her big brother Joe - she had them hands and would not hesitate to throw them. She enjoyed her warm beer, singing, dancing, joking, cooking and going back home to South Carolina spending time with her family and friends.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Jimmy Holmes and Mildred Goodwin, and brothers, Wayne Holmes and Jimmy Holmes Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory her siblings, Michael (Ruthie) Middleton of Beaufort, SC, Hattie (the late Fred) Monroe of Silver Spring, MD, Beatrice Zeller of Beaufort, SC, Joe Holmes of Philadelphia, PA, Tammy Boyd of Beaufort, SC, Paula (Timothy) Holmes-Stewart of Oxon Hill, MD; one aunt, Lottie (late Merrill) Middleton, Grays Hill, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousin and friends whom she loved and cherished immensely. Betty was quick to give everyone in her path a nickname, any name but there given name. She also leaves a devoted friend who was more like a sister, Tracy Small of Philadelphia, PA, and Ashley Shaw her bonus daughter/niece who was a part of her life from a baby who she was very proud of.

Betty was loved and cherished by many. She will be missed. She will live in all hearts forever and all will have a memory to cherish and laugh about.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family



Precious Memories



Tributes

Dear Betty,
I thank the Lord for his creation of you. He gave you two beautiful dimples oh how you love them. He gave you so many unique gifts he made just for you. I am so thankful to be your sister you gave us so much joy and laughter including our children. You live your life to the fullest. Your faith in God gave you freedom to be Betty. You did not let anything keep you down. My sister you fought until the end. My sister I love you so much, my heart won't be the same, I will always hold on to our memories forever.
Thank you Lord for gifting Betty to us for 62 years.
Love forever, Hattie.

Sister,
A sister is friend for life someone you can rely on, she picks you up when you're down, and supports you like no other. She's always there to cheer you on and make you laugh out loud. You know you can depend on her to be there by your side through thick and thin. You keep each other safe and share all of your secrets. Because you know she cares. You have an unbreakable bond that binds you forever. This will not be broken, and I will keep you close forever.
Your sister, Tammy

My Betty Boop,
My protector, my best friend, my favorite person. This is something I could never prepared for, I keep saying not my Betty Boop and I just knew you would be back slow rolling it.

I remember when I had to write an essay about you being my favorite person, we would talk about the essay and the jokes, you had a joke about everything especially my men, "Sis you need me to knock someone out" and flex your muscle. I'm trying to accept your absence, not hearing your voice not facetimeing you when I had too much to drink or to talk football, one thing that will not change is me celebrating you! I will always celebrate you on every occasion. I will forever cherish all the fun, jokes, dancing, and your over protection of me.

I will forever be your baby sister, fast black, T and your chocolate factory! We have so many inside jokes and secrets. I have to understand that heaven couldn't wait for you, you were growing your wings. I wish I had one more birthday to celebrate with you, but you know your baby sis will do it big for you like she always do. This will never be goodbye, see you later.
Love your Baby Sis, Paula (Teena)

Aunt Betty,
I'll always appreciate how much love & energy u put into being the best aunty anybody can ask for. You taught me so many things that will stick with me forever, but our favorite moments were when u put on your Jackson 5 album & Always made me sing Lil Michael's part word for word & I better not forget the words LOL..I Love u aunty -Dominique

To my Aunt...
I feel such a special closeness to you. I always have. I guess it's because...from the beginning, you have been there for me...encouraging me, listening to my troubles, and cheering me on along the way. Now, that you're gone my heart aches with the emptiness that your presence would fill it seems important to take this moment to thank you. Thank you for being an amazing aunt to me. Thank you for loving me from day one. Thank you for supporting me in all I've done in this life. I love you dearly, and I feel so fortunate to have had you in my life. You will be a part of me forever!
Until we meet again...
Your favorite niece, Ashley Shaw

A heart of gold, a guiding light,
Though gone from sight, her love still burns bright.
Our bonus mom, a breath of fresh air,
And always there to show she cares,
She didn't give us life, but she gave us love we will never forget,
And we are thankful for the memories we've made
An angel sent from above.
Love, Nicole and Latashia