

Acknowledgement

We the family wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our family and friends for all acts of kindness shown during our moments of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us. May God forever bless and keep each of you in prayer.

The Day God Called You Home

*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 knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain.*

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

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*



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

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In Loving Memory Of

Sunrise:
April 8, 1938

Sunset:
September 10, 2022



*Mother Betty Jean
Buffard*

Destiny Life Center

4207 Blue Ridge Cutt-off, Kansas City, Missouri 64133

Thursday, September 22, 2022 ~ 3:00 p.m..

Pastor Cynthia Kivett, Officiating

Reflections of Her Life

Betty J. Bufford was born April 8, 1938, in Kansas City, Missouri to the union of Leroy Buford and Elizabeth Colbert-Buford as an only child. She attended elementary and middle school in Columbus, OH before moving back to Kansas City, MO.

At an early age, Betty was introduced to Christianity and would later in life become a very committed and devoted Christian. She loved to Worship and study the word of God with her beloved church family and leader, Pastor Cynthia Kivett. Despite declining health conditions, Betty refused to allow her physical mobility to hinder her from sharing the gospel, so she turned to social media to share scriptures, inspiring words, and encouragement.

Betty married her first husband Edward Collins and to this union one child was born, Felecia N. Collins. Betty would later remarry Eddie Wells, and both would precede her death.

It was in Kansas City that Betty would blossom and become affectionately known as "Mother Betty". Betty began her career as a waitress, working in establishments where Black people were not allowed to eat thus motivating her to attain her GED. She dedicated 25 years of service to the McGee Radio Company before the company unexpectedly went out of business. While this was an unforeseen trial, it did not stop Betty from pursuing better opportunities. She would move on to work for the Hickman School District in food services until she decided to go into business for herself.

Betty was an exceptional entrepreneur who owned two businesses, a daycare, and a T-Shirt design business where she coined many of her inspirational sayings and graphics. Though she was a hard worker, nothing was more important than time spent with family. She loved and I do mean loved the holidays. The best part was decorating and food preparation with family but most of all, the various homemade breads, cakes, and cookies she was notably known for. (And did I mention she loved eating them as well?) Well, she did, and she would soon be nicknamed "Sugar Bear" by her grandson Paul. Betty was a diehard Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. After her residency in the nursing home, she purchased the largest TV and decorated her room so as to never lose spirit. Aside from the games, she enjoyed watching the professional sports draft because she enjoyed seeing the young athletes smiling after being picked. However, Betty's greatest love of all was her 4th generation family whom she loved fiercely.

Betty expired peacefully on Saturday, September 10, 2022, and has now joined her great-grandson, Terylle M. Gorham, and great-great-granddaughter, Serenity Gorham in the arms of God.

She leaves to cherish her memory two children, Leroy Neal, and family (Arizona). Felecia Wilson-Collins (Kansas City, MO); six grandchildren Angelique Eguakun-Collins (Osamuyi), Kansas City, MO; Paul L. Wilson (April), Independence, MO; Nuyrea Bolton (Gregory), Kansas City, MO; Churea Wilson-Pelton, Kansas City, MO; Dereck E. Wilson Sr., Lee's Summit, MO; Malkiel A. Wilson, Raymore, MO and a host of great-grand-children, great-great grandchildren, and numerous cousins.

~ Order of Service ~

Prelude

Soft Music

Crowning Ceremony

Golden Gate

Scripture & Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Selection

Remarks

**Family & Friends
Two (2) Minutes Please**

Life Reflections

Read In Silence

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor Cynthia Kivett

Prayer of Committal & Benediction

Recessional

Benediction

