

Celebration of Life

Betty R. Purvis



Sunrise: October 26, 1948

Sunset: February 7, 2016

Service

Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE TABERNACLE

2692 Third Avenue • Bronx, NY

Bishop Jasper Rolle, Officiating

Obituary

Betty Roberta Purvis (Connie) was born on October 26, 1948 in Prichard, Alabama, to the late Nathaniel and Tereatha Pettaway, Sr. On Sunday, February 7, 2016, Betty entered her eternal resting place.

She attended Mattie T. Ablount High School in Prichard, Alabama. Her ambition was to be an IBM Operator. She was also active in the school's choir. Betty accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior as a devoted member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor Elijah White. After graduating from Blount High School in 1967, Betty moved to New York City to pursue her ambitions...she obtained a position at the age of eighteen, as an Operator with BellSouth, now known as Verizon and retired thirty-five years later.

As a known child of God and a woman of the corporate world, Betty always believed, trusted, and served her Lord and Savior as a faithful member of the Abundant Life Tabernacle, Bronx, New York. She was a Prayer Warrior, served as an usher, a tenor in the Mass Choir and a member of the Hospitality Committee. Betty was a tremendous soloist, she sang many hearts happy, as she graced us with her God given talent, when singing praise to God's Holy name.

Betty was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Her son, James A. Purvis, Jr. II (JP) preceded her in death. Survivors left to cherish her loving memory are: her husband, Mr. James A. Purvis, Sr. of New York, NY; five daughters, Jacqueline Purvis of Bronx, NY, Dechawn (Gregory) Haskins of Sumter, SC, Vanessa White of New York, NY, Cynthia Tabetah of Bowie, MD and Kimberly O'Sullivan (Malcolm) of South Beach, VA; son, Timothy Williams of Delaware, MD; daughter-in-law, Pura Purvis of Bronx, NY; sister-in-law, Mercedes Leary; eleven grandchildren, Kristyana, Saphier Purvis and James A. Purvis, Jr. III, Kristopher, Kyle and Yasmine Haskins, Quintin, Chris and Aaron O'Sullivan, Terrence and Tyrone Lewis; two brothers, Nathaniel (Delores) Pettaway of Eight Mile, AL and Frank (Catherine) Pettaway of Mobile, AL; two sisters, Jean (George) Kidd of Prichard, AL and Vera Billups of Mobile, AL; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Betty will be missed by many who will keep alive her spirit for life and her love for family and friends! She lived life to the fullest and we as family who loved her dearly, encourage all of you to remember to know the Lord, live well love and laugh often!

Order of Service

The Prelude

The Processional

Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalms 90:1-6

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Selection.....Choir

Remarks (Two Minutes)..... Friends and Family

Selection.....Choir

Church Resolution

Acknowledgements

Reading of ObituarySheron M. Capers

SoloVanessa White and Cynthia Tabetah

Eulogy..... Bishop Rolle, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

*Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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