



*Celebrating the Life of*

*Betty Elizabeth Boyce*

*Sunrise: April 22, 1945*

*Sunset: October 10, 2016*

**Friday, October 14, 2016**

**Viewing: 9am - 11am**

**Service: 11am**

**GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE**

**2081 7th Avenue • New York, NY**

***Elder Kevin Dickerson, Officiating***

## Obituary



**Betty Elizabeth Best “Boyce”** was born on April 22, 1945 to the late Hoppie Elizabeth Best (Mom) and Henry Lee Best (Father) in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She entered into Eternal Rest on Monday, October 10, 2016. She attended Douglass High School in Warsaw, North Carolina.

Betty had her first two children, Michael Best (wife, Linda T. Best) and Carolyn Best and then migrated to New York; and started working privately on a sleep in position for a family. Then she moved to Harlem and had Bobby Best (Papoose), followed by Dana (husband, Dave Jones) and Tracy Mc’Cray (husband, Timothy Douglass). She also had a stepson, Julius Mc’Cray (Bopete). She Married Roosevelt Boyce and gained four step children. She retired from Daughter’s of Jacob where she worked as a certified CNA for many years.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Alston, Retha Mae Best and Linda Kay Best; five brothers, John William Best, David Lee Best, Lemion Earl Best, Bobby Lee Best and James Earl Best. Betty leaves to cherish her memories, Edith Lee, Ruth Dardon, Brenda Kelly (husband, Roosevelt); twelve grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

“Ma aka GrandMa” our Angel was an awesome spirit that filled everyone she encountered with her love and realness. She would love you the good way and the hard way and held nothing back. She told you what you needed to hear and sometimes didn't want to hear, but she had a heart of gold. She would give you the shirt off her back, offer you a place to stay, even if she didn't know you she would do anything for anyone that was in need. She was known as The Prayer Warrior the person that we always looked to for wisdom. She would always make you laugh with her humorous personality and theatrical stories of her most funny and adventurous life encounters.

She was a faithful church member of Refuge Temple. However, due to her declining health she stopped attending Refuge and started attending Union Baptist Church where it was easier for her family to transport her. She loved to sing, listen to her gospel music, cook for family, and shop, shop and did I say shop. I got three letters to say in reference to that Q.V.C.

Betty was a strong person mind, body and soul. She fought the good fight and struggled with her health to stay here with her family for far longer than doctors could even imagine, that was because she had the best doctor of all on her side, God, but He decided her mission was done and it was finally time to call her home and even though we didn't want her to go we will never fight the will of the Lord. So we let go and let God. She will be greatly missed! We all love you so much until we see you again, Rest in Heaven.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Musician

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Selection.....Allyson Eaten

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14

Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy

Selection.....Choir

Reflections .....(Please Limit to Two Minutes)

Acknowledgements

Obituary.....Seathra Orr

Solo.....Seathra Orr

Eulogy.....Elder Kevin Dickerson

Funeral Director

Recessional

Committal

## Interment

*Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Putnam Valley, New York*



There is a sweet Spirit in my Soul  
Lord you've made me whole.  
Now I realize why my eyes are on the prize.  
I see myself rising from where I once lay,  
God keep calling me saying my Child is okay.  
You will never again have to mourn.  
I have given you a new song.  
Sing praises to your King.  
I am the God of all good things.  
Sing your praises loud and clear,  
Your praises is music to my ears.

*Your Beloved Sister, Brenda*

### *2 Timothy 4:7, 8*

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,  
shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them  
also that love his appearing.*

### *Acknowledgement*

Although we started off mourning the loss of our loved one, we're ending this meeting in celebration that Betty finally made it home and we want to thank each and every one of you for coming here to help us see our Angel off home the right way. This is only a new wonderful beginning for her full of joy and no more pain. Through the awesome memories we've shared and stories we've heard of her wonderful spirit we will carry her in our hearts and she will forever live on. God Bless You All! - The Family Of Betty Elizabeth Best (Boyce)

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