

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

*Betty Jean Braswell*

Sunrise: April 21, 1934 - Sunset: April 4, 2017



**Service:**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey  
**Erica Hendricks, Officiating**

# Obituary

**Betty Jean Braswell** left us on April 4, 2017. She was affectionately known as Mother Betty to her children. She was born Betty Jean Corpening on April 21, 1934 to Faniel Herbert Corpening and Rosella (Clark) Corpening in Lenoir, NC. Betty Jean was the youngest of five children.

She attended the West End Elementary School and Friedman High School in NC.

As a young girl in North Carolina, she was an active member of Saint Paul's AME Church and sang in the church choir. A fond memory of our mother is when she sang solo with her sister our Aunt Helen of the song, "I Came To the Garden Alone."

Betty Jean relocated to New Jersey at the age of seventeen.

She was a loving and respectful wife to her husband, until his death.

She was always a hard worker and at age 65, she became a school crossing guard for the East Orange School system.

She loved to read. That was her favorite past-time, besides watching TV and spoiling her grandchildren.

Betty Jean, was also a loving mother and she was loved in returned and we're going to miss her.

Betty Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Braswell, her two daughters, Norma Jean and Alice, and her two sons, Albert and Faniel Herbert, her brother, Charles Corpening and her sister, Marolyn Corum.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Doris, Rosemarie, Doreen, Regina, William, Jerome and Sandra (William); her two sisters, Helen Isbell of Lenoir, NC and Ann Margrett Corpening of Camden, NJ. She is also survived by her thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and six great great-grandchildren as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **CREMATION**

Rosedalde Crematory  
Orange, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*



Don't grieve for me,  
for now I'm free  
I'm following the path  
God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when  
I heard him call  
I turned my back  
and left it all.  
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 with remembered joy.

Be not burdened with  
times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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