# Celebrating the Life of



#### The Matriarch

Anne Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Nesbitt

Sunrise: September 15, 1943 **Sunset: May 20, 2022** 

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## <u>Obituary</u>

This is a story inspired by the life journey of Anne Elizabeth Nesbitt.

Once upon a time, as many stories start...But the time I speak of is September 15, 1943. A woman named Elizabeth Nesbitt, with a husband named Samuel T. Nesbitt, had a healthy bouncing baby girl named Anne Elizabeth Nesbitt. Anne's name is rooted in a Hebrew origin meaning gracious and favored, and Elizabeth means oath.

The baby girl Anne Elizabeth known as Betty Boo, grew to become a gracious and favored adult who richly blessed many in her communities with her oaths.

Betty Boo is the second oldest child, and her parents raised her to be strong, gracious, and highly favored, as indicative of her name. These characteristics will serve Betty Boo well, as she overcame triumphs and became resilient throughout her life. Betty Boo's roots are grounded in West Palm Beach and Rivera Beach, Florida, where she graduated from Lincoln High School and migrated to Harlem, New York in the early 1960s.

Betty Boo welcomed two beautiful children early in her life. T. Monet Nesbitt came first, and Antwan D. Nesbitt came later. She fostered and helped raise Alpha and Omega. Betty Boo fostered and adopted Derrick, Jeremy, Dominque, and Jericho. Her life continued to blossom all over the church and community. She was a faithful usher of Macedonia Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. The trusted treasurer board member of 79 Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC). She served as the Mentor Mother of the Community as she fried chicken, pierced ears, played cards, ran numbers, and raised the community children all at the same time. Betty Boo spent a week with Oprah Winfrey as an inspirational community influencer and she was also nationally recognized through an interview by Suzanne Savoy.

In addition to serving and being recognized as a mentor, mother and community advocate, she also retired as a city employee after many years of service.

Betty Boo's life has reached full circle, and has fully blossomed into a legacy that includes her devoted surviving children, T. Monet Nesbitt of Bronx, NY, Antwan D. Nesbitt (Brenda) of Fayetteville, NC, Jeremy Nesbitt of Bronx, NY, Derrick Nesbitt of Harlem, NY, Jericho Nesbitt of Harlem, NY, and Dominique Nesbitt of Harlem, NY; two sisters, Barbara McMillian-Toombs of Rivera Beach, FL and Carol Delk of Rivera Beach, FL; her "official goddaughters", Alpha and Omega Davis of Harlem, NY; her godson, Kevin Saylor of Columbia, SC; her "special daughter", Olahshina Williams of Westchester, NY; her grandson, Kobe D. Nesbitt of Atlanta, GA; two "bonus granddaughters", Durielle and Genevieve of Fayetteville, NC; her cultivated grandchildren, Malik and Tamar; her "sincere niece", Jennifer Bracey; too many special, nurtured, and mentored others to name; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and an entire village of family and friends. I trust that you remember this is the life journey of Anne Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Nesbitt. Ms. Nesbitt might close her life journey with this simple paraphrased prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray to Lord my soul to keep, Yes, I died-I did not wake; so I pray to Lord my soul to take. My journey on earth has ended; now I know a New Dawn, I see my Mother, Father, Sister, Brothers, For our lives have been hushed in a never-ending sleep. Oh Lord, please take our souls to keep.

# Order of Service

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#### **INTERMENT:**

George Washington Memorial Park Paramus, New Jersey Even as the sun goes down
To end the light of day,
It's rising on a new horizon
Somewhere far away,
And though our world seems darker
For the loss of the one we miss.
Our loved one's life is dawning
In a brighter world than this.
With Loving Memories,

-The Family

#### A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

We keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage; I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling, and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease; my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes, we're together again.

— Author Unknown

#### Expressions of Appreciation

With sincere unconditional love, we truly thank all family and friends from our hearts with the satisfaction of caring and act of all kindness given to us during the heavenly flight of our lovely mother.

-The Family

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