



Betty Jean Smith Bethel

December 4, 1951 - September 18, 2017

Betty Jean Smith Bethel “65” departed her earthly life on Monday, September 18, 2017 at her home. Betty was born on December 4, 1951. She was a daughter of the late Mary Jane (Abe) Smith and the late Richard (Rosa Lee) Ramsey.

Betty was married to the late Andrew Christopher Bethel. They shared the love of their blended family of seven children.

Betty attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1973 graduate of Hillcrest High School. She continued her education in the field of nursing. She worked several jobs over the years but her heart was always in the nursing field. She worked for Cypress Nursing Facility for many years and later was employed by Personal Care of Sumter where she worked until her health failed.

Betty was a member of Bethel AME Church where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She later joined Anointed Word Christian Worship Center where she was a faithful member until her death.

Betty was preceded in death in addition to her husband and parents, by her granddaughter, Terrica Monae` Butler; two sisters, Edith Lawrence and Marie Beale; three brothers, Abe Smith, Jr., Otis Smith, and Joseph Ramsey.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Connie Butler and Gevetta Smith, of Sumter, SC; stepchildren; Elder Eugene D. Bethel (Elder Yvonne) of Columbia, SC, Arnelda “Lenny” Mouzon (Ronnie) of Spartanburg, SC, Minister Marie D. Williams (Pastor/Dr. Charles Williams, Jr.) of Bluffton, SC,

Minister Chris Bethel (Brenda) of Columbia, SC, and Lawanda D. Bethel of Bluffton, SC, Yatta S. Saunders of Monrovia Liberia, and Edna M. Saunders of Columbia, SC; three god children, Knadja (Isaac) Davis, Tikila Harriott, of Sumter, SC and Ashley Harriot of Columbia, SC; Seven sisters; Janie Lee Cook of Long Island City, NY, Mary Louise Archie, Virginia Nathaniel, Mary Ann Edwards (Oddie), Carolyn Alston (Michael), Thelma Ramsey, all of Sumter, SC and Rosa Hill of Glendale, CA; four brothers, Richard Ramsey, Jr. (Minnie), Willie Ramsey (Ruth), Elijah Ramsey (Rosa), James L. Green (Annie Mae) all of Sumter, SC; two sisters-in-law; a brother in-law, John Weston (Emma Jean); fifteen grandchildren, three were raised in the home, Erica, Rodney, and Courtney Butler; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Betty's faith in God was strong. She had a big heart. She loved and cared for many. She will truly be missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church
1605 Highway 261 South
Wedgefield, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Smith Bethel*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To the family: At a time when words are hard to find blessed be God...the God of all comfort. Just want you to know you're in our thoughts and prayers. With Sympathy, sorry we were unable to attend.*

*Your Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland family
Mary, Willie, Charlotte, Sylvia, Ruby and Charisse*

Mary Curtis - September 22, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ *Cousin Lisa and family (from Texas) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Jean Smith Bethel.*



Cousin Lisa and family (from Texas) - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM

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“ I remember when Dione and I (Amira) called Aunt Betty to tell her that I was pregnant! She was SO elated. She shared all of her stories about Dione from when he was a baby. She told me the dos and don'ts of pregnancy - don't reach above your head, don't bend down, etc. Her heart was always in a good place. I wish CK could have had the opportunity to share how much of a giving and wonderful person she was to us - to me. She was always nice to me as a newcomer to the family. She's with Jesus, so I rejoice.

Amira Bethel - September 21, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Smith Bethel.



September 21, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Smith Bethel.



September 20, 2017 at 10:34 PM