

In Loving Memory of



Betty Elizabeth Lewis Robinson

Sunrise
April 21, 1935

Sunset
January 7, 2013

Service

Monday, January 14, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST BETHEL AME CHURCH

60 West 132nd Street • New York, NY

Rev. Henry A. Belin, III, Officiating

Obituary

Betty Elizabeth Lewis was born in Hugo, Alabama (Marengo County) on April 21, 1935 to Abraham Lewis and Alice Jackson Lewis. She was the eleventh child of twelve children. She was very close to all of her siblings and affectionately known to her family as “Tiny”. Her family later moved to Springville, Alabama.

Betty always dreamed of moving north to New York City to get a job and make a better life for herself. After graduating high school in Alabama, she embarked on her journey north. She got on the Greyhound Bus in her cap and gown. She got a job in the hotel industry, working her way up to supervisor.

After arriving in New York, her brother-in-law, Schofield Gilford, introduced her to his nephew, Charles E. Robinson. Shortly thereafter, Betty and Charles wed on October 11, 1957. Reverend Richard A. Hildebrand married Betty and Charles at Bethel AME Church where they both were members. She was a firm believer in Christ and always sought his guidance throughout her life. She had a beautiful relationship with GOD. Three children were born from this union: Charles Jr., Cynthia and Derick.

Betty (Tiny) enjoyed spending time with the family. That made her very happy. She was a favorite amongst her nieces and nephews who visited her often. Every weekend was spent with her sisters and all of their children. She and her sisters, nieces and nephews would get together and sing spiritual songs. They could always count on Tiny and her high pitched soprano voice. It was a sight to see.

Betty enjoyed her life to the fullest and enjoyed listening to Motown music and going to the Apollo Theatre to see Diana Ross and the Supremes on Amateur Night. She said they got booed by the audience and Diana would always run off the stage crying. Diana always came back to the Apollo audience and the rest is history.

She also enjoyed her grand’s and great grand’s immensely. They were the light in her eyes. She spent more time with them after she retired.

Betty enjoyed the company of her 1470 Family. She enjoyed her friends and developed a strong bond with all of them and their families.

*Charles Sr. and Charles Jr. and wife Pamela preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: Children: Cynthia B. Robinson Civil and Derick L. Robinson (Nancy Figueroa), grands: Kevin Civil Jr., Krystal Civil, Tiffany Nicole Robinson Washington (Leroy Washington), Justin Robinson, Jamel Boyce, Derick Jr., Tyeonna and Devin Robinson, great grands: Octavia, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Laniyah Charlie Washington who arrived on Christmas Eve-2012, Kevin Civil III, Kenya Civil, Lucille Nobles and Laura Lewis of Alabama (Sisters), Isaiah Lewis of South Carolina (Brother) and a host of other relatives, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Close Friends.

We (Cynthia and Derick) extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Visiting Nurse Services of New York, Progressive Home Health Aides: Marcia Murray and Aisha Williams, Upper Eastside Dialysis, Ambu Tran, The CCU Team at St. Luke’s Hospital and all of our mother’s doctors and clinicians.

Order of Service

Prelude

The Final Viewing

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Triumph “Blessed Assurance”

Invocation

Solo..... Krystin Rogers

Scripture Reading - Psalms 23

Acknowledgements

Tributes Krystal Civil and Derick Robinson

Poem Cynthia Benita Robinson Civil

Obituary Read Silently

Solo..... Deborah Alston Hatter

Eulogy..... Rev. Bernard Lewis, Associate Pastor
Peace Baptist Church Mulga, AL

Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery
Fairlawn, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

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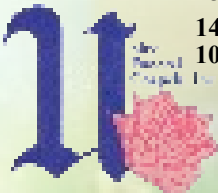
The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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