

*Homegoing  
Celebration  
for*

A portrait of Betty Powell, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a white top and gold earrings, smiling slightly. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pink and purple gradient.

*Betty Powell*

**Sunrise**  
July 4, 1942

**Sunset**  
December 5, 2013

*Service*

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

193 Haledon Avenue  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating*  
*Johnetta Bush, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Betty A. Powell** was born in Bladen County, NC on July 4, 1942, to the late Lloyd and Emmaline Powell.

Her spiritual foundation was formed at an early age, at Pierce's Chapel AME Zion Church, in Clarkton, NC where she accepted Christ as her personal savior.

Betty attended Porterville Elementary School, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Bladen County, NC. She furthered her education in nursing, in Columbus, Ohio.

Betty moved to Paterson, NJ in 1964 where she began providing child care service for many family members, neighbors and others. She was also the "designated" family point of contact. Everyone called her to let her know their comings and goings. If you needed to know where someone was, call Betty.

Betty enjoyed her family, puzzles, reading and especially studying the bible. She was well known and loved by all of her neighbors who affectionally called her Ms. Betty. She had a heart of pure gold. If you asked her how she was, her response was always, "Oh, I am blessed!"

Gone before Betty to meet her in heaven are her parents, Lloyd and Emmaline Powell, grandmother, Susie Baldwin, grandson, Aldo Powell, sister, Pearline Graham, and brother, Andrew Atkinson.

Betty leaves to cherish loving memories: her daughters, Roxanne Powell, Ieather Grant (Kenneth, Sr.), and Cassandra Powell all of Paterson, NJ; sisters, Gloria Douglas (Henry) of Clarkton, NC and Doris Griffin (James) of Lexington, NC; brothers, Leon Powell (Annie Ruth) of Clarkton, NC and Kenneth Arnold (Lily) of Jamaica, NY; grandchildren, Naeem Linear, Alimin Powell, Ziuri Allen and Kenneth Grant, Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Ala'ysia Powell and Sophia Linear; two special nieces, Priscilla and Tonya Smith; stepmother, Jettie R. Powell; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude ..... Johnetta Bush

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements  
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Alfred Steele

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey

## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Betty Powell** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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