

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling and resting her chin on her hands. She is wearing a patterned, long-sleeved top. The background is a soft, blue, ethereal glow.

Billie Anne Betsill

Sunrise

February 16, 1935

Sunset

December 2, 2014

A large, stylized white lotus flower with multiple petals, positioned at the bottom left of the card.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary



Billie Anne Betsill was born February 16, 1935 in Woodruff, South Carolina. She was the oldest child of Fannie Harper. Her mother, Fannie; sister, Marva and brother; Joe, all preceded her in death.

Billie Anne joined New Bethel Baptist Church in Woodruff, SC where her mother was pianist. She was active in that church and at an early age was noticed as a great orator. During her senior years, she joined Ebenezer Baptist Church, Englewood, NJ.

Billie Anne met W.C. Betsill and they were united in marriage. They had greater plans for their survival so they left South Carolina and moved to Englewood, New Jersey where they could advance and better provide for their ONLY CHILD; **RONALD DOWNS**.

Billie Anne worked for many years as a teller in the Banking Industry. After leaving Banking; she moved to Spring Valley, New York and worked as a Para-professional in the Spring Valley School System.

Billie Anne's great joy was belonging to the Eastern Stars and the Elks; especially Temple 290 IBPOE of W, in Englewood, New Jersey where she served as Past Daughter Ruler, and for many years as Daughter Ruler. Any time An Elk Daughter died; she was always the one to amaze the crowd by reciting the "Thanatopsis" .

Billie Anne will be greatly missed by many but one of her last conversations she had with her sister, Sarah, she said that "She Believed" and with that last conversation, we can be assured that she was welcomed into the kingdom of God.

She leaves to cherish her memory; A son, **Ronald Downs**; a grandson, **Damon Downs (Cynthia)** of Pompton Plains, NJ; three grandchildren, **Jonathan, Drew and Amir**; Two Spiritual Sisters, **Lillie Simmons (Larry)** of Teaneck, NJ and **Sarah Cheatham** of Chicago, IL (formerly of Englewood, NJ); A God Son, **Euas (Topper) Cheatham**; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John 11:25 "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

AMEN – AMEN - AMEN

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Solo

Acknowledgements

Reflections

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Private Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, 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

Acknowledgement

*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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