

*In Loving Memory of*



*Betty Jean Richardson*

Sunrise  
June 17, 1932

Sunset  
March 26, 2021

Service:  
Friday, April 9, 2021 - 10:00 am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**  
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466  
Rev. Dr. Calvin E. Owens, Officiating

# Obituary

**Mrs. Betty Jean Richardson** was born on June 17, 1932 in Badin, North Carolina and departed this life on Friday, March 26, 2021 after a brief illness.

Betty Jean received her formal education in Badin, North Carolina and after graduating from Badin High School, relocated to New York City. She was a very industrious worker with her most memorable years spent working for Congressman Mario Biaggi. Following her time in Congressman Biaggi's office, she worked in the Director's Office at St. Barnabas Hospital until her retirement.

In 1957, Betty Jean fell in love and married Esit Richardson Sr. and throughout this union, three beautiful children, Esit, Jr. (Douglas), Shanta, and Donna, were lovingly reared in the ways of life.

Betty Jean was a dedicated wife, devoted mother and grandmother, and loving sister, aunt, and friend. She had a genuine warmth and kindness that radiated through her smile and endeared her to all who knew her.

When Betty Jean departed, she reunited with her late loved ones: husband Esit; daughter, Shanta; son, Douglas; sister Kathryn (Kitty); two brothers, Curtis, and William (Billy), four sisters-in-law, Isabelle, Martha, Cassie Mae and Marie, as well as two brothers-in-law Hezekiah and John.

Betty Jean leaves to cherish her fond and loving memory, her devoted and dedicated daughter, Donna; and her special friend Garey; her six grandchildren, Latiche (George), Qian (Marie), Marc (Kelly), Esit III, special granddaughter, Alyssa (Justin), and Devin with whom she lovingly shared an especially close bond; her beloved brother and sister-in-law, Ernest McRae (Yvonne) of Jacksonville, Florida; brother, Hiram Blackburn (Betty Jean), of Winston Salem North Carolina; brother-in-law, Whitmore Richardson (Gloria) of Charleston, South Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Aleatha Kendall of New York, New York, Jackie Scantlebury of Greensboro, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephew, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, and special friends.

## Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning; tears are for the sad.

I left to be with Jesus and this should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours in grieving; no need to feel distress.

I'm tired of life's frustrations and had to take some rest.

Don't vex yourself with questions or try to reason why.

Life here for me has ended. It came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you; feed it with your care.

Grow it with devotion and spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way,

We'll have another meeting on God's Eternal Day.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... “Goin’ Up Yonder”

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reading of the Obituary

Selection ..... “Amazing Grace”

Eulogy ..... Reverend Justin Hamler

Benediction

Recessional

*Interment*  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## **To my Beloved Mother,**

You mean so much to me.

I have so many reasons to thank you, Mother.

For taking good care of me when I was young.

For letting me know, time and time again, I could turn to you for support.

But most of all because you always loved and believed in me.

You have always given so unselfishly...the values you've taught me, the sacrifices you've made for me, the confidence you have given me have contributed to make my life happy and full.

You are always there to help, no matter what life brings.

To laugh with me, to be proud of me, and share all the happy things.

But even more importantly, you were there when plans went wrong to help me work things out when disappointments came along.

And so, I want to thank, Mom, and tell you, lovingly...

You are the best thing life has given to me.

I will always miss you with all my heart.

Your Loving Daughter

## *Acknowledgments*

**The family of Betty Jean Richardson wishes  
to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks  
for the acts of kindness shown to them during their  
time of bereavement.**

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