

Celebrating the Life of
Betty Edwards Grant

Sunrise
November 25, 1954

Sunset
August 9, 2021



Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 2PM

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1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Rev. Tyrone Pitman, Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Soloist

Obituary

Betty Carrol Edwards Grant, daughter of the late Ms. Elouise Edwards was born on November 25, 1954 in Dillon County, South Carolina. Betty passed peacefully from this life the morning of August 9, 2021 after a gradual decline in health. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family and caregivers during the last days of her life, with her son Kevin by her side during her final hours.

Betty graduated from Latta High School in 1973. She later moved to New York to be with the rest of her siblings. When Betty moved to New York she made her mark by becoming the first African American woman to work with a large construction firm to help build several properties in which one is known today as Fulton Street Restoration Plaza in Brooklyn, New York. Betty enjoyed working with her hands and was very crafty at building. However, she also enjoyed working with people and helping others which landed her a job as a Home Health Aide. She retired from the construction world and became a full-time Home Health Aide. She provided for and enjoyed helping others who were not totally able to help themselves. She took great pride in her role in their lives and went above and beyond to provide for them. Her clients enjoyed her as well and would request for her even on her days off and spoke highly of how much they enjoyed the meals she provided for them. She continued to work as a Home Health Aide for several years until she realized her attachments and bonds made with her clients were not long term and were only temporary.

Betty could not escape her deep love and passion for cooking and providing for others, so she pursued a career that would allow her to do just that. Betty worked at several restaurant industries throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan. She realized that the restaurant jobs were not personal enough for what she was seeking. Her passion for cooking combined with her love for children landed her to work with the New York City Board of Education School system where she became the Head Cook for the schools' cafeterias. Betty cooked with pride and joy for hundreds of children daily and often smiled that big smile of hers when sharing the stories of the many children that would return to the kitchen to complement her on how great the lunch she prepared was. Betty worked for the New York City Board of Education for twenty plus years and was often the recipient of the Perfect Attendance Award for her daily dedication to her job. Betty retired from the New York City Board of Education School system in July 2021.

Her biggest joy and pastime was watching the NBA Basketball games on television. Her joy of watching basketball stems from her playing basketball while in high school. Betty was very outgoing, athletic and enjoyed walks outdoors.

Betty is survived by her only son, Kevin Edwards. Her sisters, Ella L. Edwards, Mary J. Nixon, Emma J. Horne, and Linda J. Edwards; brother, Curtis Edwards; her brothers, Moses Edwards and Alexander Edwards preceded her in death. She leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends that will sincerely miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Latasha Jordan

Scripture Readings

Rev. Tyrone Pitman

Prayer

Rev. Tyrone Pitman

Selection

Latasha Jordan

Acknowledgements

Ernesta Thomas

Remarks

Family & Friends
(Two Minutes Please)

Obituary

Lakiska Thomas

Selection

Latasha Jordan

Eulogy

Rev. Tyrone Pitman

Committal

Rev. Tyrone Pitman

Viewing

Recessional

INURNMENT:

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

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

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