

*A Celebration of Life*



**SUNRISE**  
August 1, 1935

**GOD'S GIFT**  
July 27, 2022

*Betty Jean Dickey*

**THOMPSON**

Friday, the 5th day of August, 2022  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

**Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
7034 Tierwester Drive • Houston Texas 77021  
**Reverend Terry K. Anderson, Pastor**



# Her Loving Journey

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."*

**(Psalm 23:1-6)**

**Betty Jean Dickey Thompson** was born on August 1, 1935, the seventh child born to Taze and Alberta Dickey in Huntsville, Texas.

At an early age, Betty joined Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and later on in life joined Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

She attended public school at Sam Houston High School, graduating in the class of 1954, along with her sister, Velma. She became a campus favorite and second runner-up in the Miss Sam Houston contest 1953-1954.

After graduation, Betty moved to Houston, Texas, where she met, married and eventually divorced Clemecy E. Thompson. To this union, two daughters were born, Darcel and Kathy.

Betty worked various jobs, but it wasn't until she worked several years at Herzog Gallery that she became knowledgeable of antiques and coins. Before retiring from her second longest job with Cook Book Bakeries, she was known by the children in the neighborhood as the sweet lady with the treats or goodies as they would call them.

Affectionately, known as Ms. Betty, Betty Boo, Boots, Be-Be, Aunt Betty, Moma and Granny, she had the honor and respect of being the last surviving original homeowner from the 60's on the 3800 block of Alsace. Betty enjoyed her retirement years celebrating with family and friends and playing bingo.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Taze and Alberta Dickey; brothers, Horace and Taze Jr.; sisters, Ora Elizabeth, Katherine Cook, Lois Nelms, Mary Basey, Elnor Edwards and Velma Harris; former husband and friend, Clemecy E. Thompson; and bonus son, Ronald Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory to her devoted daughters, Darcel and Kathy; her only grandson, Gavin; sisters, Johnnie Justice (Ray) and Mae Johnson; brothers-in-law, Donald Basey and Joseph Harris; adoring nieces and nephews; Godson, Christopher Phelps; special friends, Ms. Melvina Gibson, Ms. Edna McElroy and Ms. Sheila Nickerson; and a host of relatives and many friends.



# Order of Service



Musical Prelude.....(Soft Music)

The Processional.....Clergy and Family

Reading of the Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

Congregational Hymn.....“Ole To Be Kept By Jesus”

Resolutions

Expressions of Love.....(Two Minutes Please)

Donald Basey  
Bridgett Johnson

Musical Seletion.....“Goin’ Up Yonder”

Eulogy.....Minister

Funeral Directors in Charge

The Recessional.....Clergy and Family





# Expressions of Love



Moma, you will never know how much it has been an honor and a pleasure to spend my life, especially my retirement years with you. As much as I hate to drive, I enjoyed us riding around to the grocery stores, getting something to eat, visiting family and friends, even taking you to appointments. I will miss seeing you enjoying your music (45's and albums), reading your favorite magazines and watching the old TV programs from back in the day. I will miss your no fuss, easy breezy way of handling things. Your motto was always "whatever" and mine is "get over it" but now I can truly say "whatever" happens going forth, there will never be no "getting over it" missing and loving you.

**Love always, Darcel Denice**

Words cannot express how proud I am to be your daughter. You have been the rock for your entire family and friends too. I know you felt like you and I were sometimes overlooked, underrated and misunderstood, but I always assured you not to worry about that because no matter what, God always had you to stand out like the smart, kind and bright shining star that you are. Love you Mommy from Earth to Heaven until we meet again.

**Love, Kathy Kay**



Granny, you mean so much. "Grandma" means someone who's special and thoughtful to others each day... "Grandma" means someone who's helpful and has a sweet, generous way... "Grandma" means someone who's loving and someone who's loved a lot, too. Someone with deep understanding and that's because "Grandma"/Granny means you.

**Love always and forever, Gavin Giovanni**

# Expressions of Love

Although our hearts are saddened, our minds know that you're in a better place. We will endlessly cherish the fond memories that we shared with each other. God has you in his arms and we will have you forever in our hearts. You will always be loved, appreciated and missed! Praise God.

**With all our love,  
Your sisters, Johnnie Faye and Mae Evelyn**

An aunt is someone to remember with warmth, think of with pride and cherish with love. Thank you Aunt Betty. We always looked forward to the moments when we would have family gatherings at your house. Your house was our "comfort" house. When anyone needed a helping hand, your home was where we could feel the warmth of your "welcoming face." Thank you for the best potato salad and sweet potatoes. Know that you will never be forgotten and always loved by all of us.

**Love always, Your Nieces and Nephews**

To our beloved Aunt Betty, who was brave, strong and loving. We will miss you and the kindness you spread with that beautiful smile. You taught us strong family values that will remain in our hearts forever. We will dearly miss you Aunt Betty, until we meet again.

**Your loving family,  
Aniya, Andrew, Demiyah, Whitney, Derrick and Cynthia**

## BETTY'S MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

"It was beautiful as long as it lasted - the journey of my life  
I have no regrets whatsoever; I lived my life the best I knew how.  
For those dear hearts who loved and cared for me,  
Thank you for your loving hearts and souls.  
For strong arms that held me up, when my own strength let me down,  
I thanked God for you, for I knew He was the One that sent you.  
After every turning of my life, I had loving family and came across good friends.  
Loving family and good friends who stood by me, even when the time raced by.  
Farewell, farewell - I smile and bid you goodbye.  
Please don't shed tears, for I need them not - all I need is your smile.  
If you feel sad, please think of the memories I left behind, that's what I would like.  
When you live in the hearts of those you love, remember then you never die."

**Love you all, Betty**

## *Active Pallbearers*

Dornell Owens  
Jonathon Pierre  
Terrance Burns

Terry Bolden  
Dedrick Jackson  
Fred Holmes

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ray Justice  
Donald Basey  
Joseph Harris  
Derrick Justice  
Walter Perry

Andre Johnson  
Michael Raibon  
Reginald Archie  
Wilmer Washington  
Dewey Fowler

## *Our Sincerest Appreciation*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, visitations, food and every act of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Harris Health, Kelsey-Seybold, Methodist and Baylor St. Luke's Hospitals, Altus Hospice and Houston Hospice. Please continue to include us in your prayers and may God bless each and everyone of you.

- The Family -

## *The Burial*

**Houston Memorial Gardens**  
2426 Cullen Blvd. • Pearland, Texas 77581

\*\*\*\*\*Due to COVID-19, a pick up and leave dinner will be served at\*\*\*\*\*  
**Mainstay Suites** (3134 Old Spanish Trail • Houston, Texas 77054)

## *Services Lovingly Entrusted to:*

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