

"It Is Well With My Soul.."

"HENCEFORTH THERE
IS LAID UP FOR ME
A CROWN OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS..."
2 TIMOTHY 4:8

SOUL NEWS

A Celebration
Of Life

Betty Jean
HOLMES

ALPHA- October 17, 1935
OMEGA - March 10, 2022

THURSDAY
March 24, 2022

Visitation
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Carter-Taylor-Williams Funeral Home
601 Center Street
San Antonio, TX 78202

FRIDAY
March 25, 2022

Homegoing Celebration
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



*"Movin' On Up
A Little Higher"!*

GENESIS FULL LIFE FELLOWSHIP
15549 TOPPERWEIN ROAD
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78233

REVEREND DOUGLASS THOMPSON - OFFICIANT & EULOGIST

Reflections On The Life Of Sister Betty Jean Booker Holmes

BETTY JEAN BOOKER – HOLMES, FONDLY KNOWN AS, "AUNT BETTY", "COUSIN BETTY", AND "NANO", WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 17, 1935, IN FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS, TO UHMON THOMAS AND ADA B. BOOKER. BETTY TRANSITIONED FROM EARTH TO GLORY, WHILE RESTING IN HER HOME IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON MARCH 10, 2022. AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING, BETTY HAD REACHED THE PRECIOUS AGE OF 86.

IN 1961, BETTY MET AND MARRIED EDWARD L. HOLMES; TO THIS UNION, THREE BOYS, EDWARD, DWAIN AND BENJAMIN, AND THREE GIRLS, JOYCE, MARY, AND ANGELIA, WERE BORN. EDWARD L. HOLMES WAS ENLISTED IN THE U.S ARMY, AND TOGETHER HE AND BETTY TRAVELED THE WORLD, WHILE EDWARD SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY.

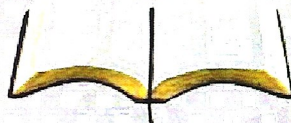
BETTY RECEIVED HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN 1951, FROM PHYLLIS WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL. BETTY ALWAYS EMPHASIZED TO HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND PEERS THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING A DEGREE, PURSUING A CAREER, AND KEEPING GOD FIRST. SHE BEGAN STUDYING AT SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS (LATER RENAMED TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY). DESPITE THE CHALLENGES BETTY FACED THAT PREVENTED HER FROM EARNING A DEGREE EARLY ON, BETTY ALWAYS HAD THE DESIRE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. IN 2018, AT THE TENDER AGE OF 82, BETTY DECIDED SHE WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO HER FAMILY AND SHOW THAT IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO REACH YOUR GOALS. SHE ENROLLED INTO THE AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY, AND GRADUATED IN FEBRUARY 2020 (AT THE AGE OF 84) WITH AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE.

WHILE WORKING FULL-TIME AND CARING FOR HER SIX YOUNG CHILDREN, BETTY PURSUED HER PASSION IN FASHION. BETTY WAS MORE THAN A SEAMSTRESS, DESIGNER AND MOTHER, SHE WAS ALSO AN ENTREPRENEUR. SHE AND HER FRIEND, ROSETTA PENN, STARTED AND OPENED A DESIGN AND CLOTHING STORE, BETTY AND ROSETTA'S BOUTIQUE. BETTY AND ROSETTA DESIGNED AND SOLD THEIR CLOTHING AND OTHER PRODUCTS TO THE COMMUNITY. THE HARDSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY FORCED BETTY AND ROSETTA TO CEASE THEIR OPERATION.

BETTY WAS EMPLOYED AT CRESTHAVEN SOCIAL SERVICES AS A DIRECTOR FOR OVER A DECADE UNTIL THE AGENCY CLOSED. SHE BECAME EMPLOYED AT THE CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES (CHCS) IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AS A LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR (LCDC), SERVING FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE RETIRED IN 2005. AFTER HER RETIREMENT FROM CHCS, BETTY HELD SEVERAL CASE MANAGER AND COUNSELOR POSITIONS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES ENTITY.

BETTY DEDICATED HER LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE, SETTING THE FOUNDATION OF A LIFE THAT SHE NOT ONLY SPOKE AND TALKED ABOUT, BUT DILIGENTLY LIVED OUT BEFORE GOD AND HER FAMILY. BETTY WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF FAITH TEMPLE APOSTOLIC CHURCH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BISHOP HORACE M. YOUNG. BETTY CONTINUED HER MEMBERSHIP, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR DOUGLASS THOMPSON, WHEN THE CHURCH WAS RENAMED TO GENESIS FULL LIFE FELLOWSHIP. IN 1998, BETTY CREATED THE "EVER READY PRAYER GROUP". THE SISTERS HELD A PRAYER CIRCLE, CONTACTING EACH OTHER AT 5:00 A.M. EACH MORNING, TO PRAY. THESE PRAYER WARRIORS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BOMBARDED HEAVEN IN INTERCESSION NOT ONLY FOR THEIR FAMILIES, BUT FOR THIS WORLD. TRULY THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYERS OF THESE RIGHTEOUS ONES AVOIDED MUCH.

BETTY WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, TWO SISTERS, THREE BROTHERS, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS HER BELOVED MIDDLE SON, DWAIN E. HOLMES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER ELDEST SISTER, IDELL GREEN AND HER BROTHER, LEROY SHIELDS, SR., FIVE CHILDREN; EDWARD L. HOLMES, II (LUCILLE), JOYCE E. HOLMES-WILSON (JAMES), BENJAMIN A HOLMES, MARY C, HOLMES, ANGELIA C. HENDRICKS (ELLIS), SEVENTEEN GRANDCHILDREN, ELEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, HER DEAR FRIEND AND COUSIN, RUTH WILLIAMS, A HOST OF NEPHEWS, NIECES, GODCHILDREN, COUSINS AND FRIENDS. THIS MIGHTY WOMAN OF GOD LEFT A LEGACY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND COMMITMENT THAT WILL BE FOREVER CHERISHED!



PSALM 34:1-3

"I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES: HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH. MY SOUL SHALL MAKE HER BOAST IN THE LORD: THE HUMBLE SHALL HEAR THEREOF, AND BE GLAD.

O MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER."

*The Homegoing Celebration Of
Sister Betty Jean Holmes*

PROCESSIONAL

CLERGY, PALLBEARERS & FAMILY

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT

PASTOR JONI RUSS

SHERMAN A.M.E.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

NEW TESTAMENT

MINISTER MALACHI HOLMES

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PRAYER

PASTOR SAMUEL GIBSON, III

VICTORY FAITH TEMPLE COGIC

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PRAISE MELODY

PSALM 34:1-3

GENESIS PRAISE TEAM

SPECIAL GUEST: SIS. CHERELLE SIMMIONS

THE TRANSFORMATION PLACE

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY

RESOLUTION(S)

GENESIS FULL LIFE FELLOWSHIP

SPECIAL REMARKS & REFLECTIONS (LIMIT TO TWO MINUTES, PLEASE)

CHILDREN—BROTHER EDWARD L. HOLMES, II & SISTER JOYCE HOLMES-WILSON

GRANDCHILDREN—MINISTER MALACHI HOLMES,

BROTHER SHAWN SIMMIONS & SISTER CHERELLE SIMMIONS

FAMILY—SISTER TRACY HOLMES BRAZIL (NIECE)

& DR. CHRISTOPHER E. BLAND (NEPHEW)

LOVED ONES—PASTOR STEPHEN THOMPSON & SISTER LISA THOMPSON

THE TRANSFORMATION PLACE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

EVER READY PRAYER GROUP—APPOINTEE

FAMILY TRIBUTE

SISTER MARY HOLMES (DAUGHTER)

SOLO

SISTER REGINA PEACHES

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

EULOGY

PASTOR DOUGLASS THOMPSON

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BENEDICTION

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"A POEM FOR MOMMA"

**WE ARE WHO WE ARE BECAUSE OF YOU,
WHO SACRIFICED TO GIVE US EVERYTHING.
YOUR DEATH IMPACTED US IN MANY WAYS,
BUT THE YEARS WE HAD TOGETHER
IMPACTED US THE MOST.**

**WE THANK YOU FOR LOVING US
UNCONDITIONALLY,
TELLING US WHEN WE ARE
RIGHT AND WRONG.
YOUR THUMBPRINT OF LOVE
WILL ALWAYS BE WITHIN US.**

WITH LOVE,

**YOUR CHILDREN,
EDWARD, JOYCE, BENJAMIN, MARY & ANGELIA**

"LIFE"

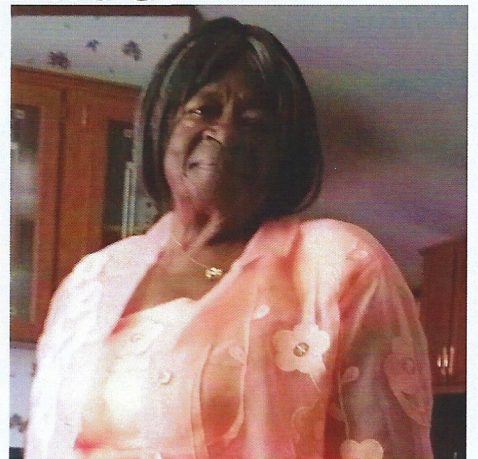
**LIFE IS JUST A STEPPING STONE
A PAUSE BEFORE WE MAKE IT HOME
A SIMPLE PLACE TO REST AND BE,
UNTIL WE REACH ETERNITY.
EVERYONE HAS A LIFE JOURNEY,
A PATH TO TAKE WITH LOTS TO SEE
GOD GUIDES OUR STEPS ALONG THE WAY,
BUT WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO STAY.
OUR FINAL DESTINATION IS A PLACE
FILLED WITH LOVE, HIS MAJESTY AND HIS GRACE.
TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE
WHO HAS GONE BEFORE US,
THE RACE OF MOTHER BETTY HOLMES HAS BEEN WON.
HER JOURNEY HAS NOW ENDED,
HER SPIRIT HAS ASCENDED,
CLAIMING THE GREAT REWARD,
WITH JESUS, OUR LORD!**

- UNKNOWN

Precious Memories



Precious Memories



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

**BRO. SHAWN SIMMIONS
BRO. ANTONY HOLMES
BRO. BENJAMIN HOLMES, II**

**BRO. SHANE SIMMIONS
DR. CHRISTOPHER BLAND
BRO. CHRISTIAN HOLMES**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**BRO. JAMES WILSON
BRO. CURLAN BLAND**

**DEA. ELLIS HENDRICKS
BRO. LEROY SHIELDS, SR.**

BRO. MILTON TEMPLE

FLOWER BEARERS / USHERS

THE USHERS MINISTRY OF GENESIS FULL LIFE FELLOWSHIP

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**THE FAMILY OF SISTER BETTY JEAN HOLMES EXTENDS HEARTFELT THANKS
TO EVERYONE WHO EXPRESSED LOVE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED.**

**WHETHER YOU SENT A CARD, PROVIDED FOOD,
FLOWERS, PRAYER, OR MINISTERED TO US BY YOUR PRESENCE,
PLEASE KNOW THAT EVERY EXPRESSION HAS BEEN APPRECIATED
BY OUR FAMILY. YOU HAVE HELPED AND ENCOURAGED US.**

**WE EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AND GROUPS:
FRITO-LAY**

**THE GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY
PK4SA (EISENHAUER ROAD)
MCRP REGION 5**

THE EVER READY PRAYER GROUP

**ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PASTOR KENNETH KEMP
& CONGREGATION**

**GENESIS FULL LIFE FELLOWSHIP, PASTOR DOUGLASS THOMPSON
& CONGREGATION**

INTERMENT

**MEADOWLAWN FUNERAL HOME
CREMATORY & CEMETERY
5611 E. HOUSTON
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78220**

REPAST

**TO ADHERE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS,
TO-GO PLATES WILL BE OFFERED, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE.**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

**CARTER-TAYLOR-WILLIAMS MORTUARY
601 CENTER STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78202-2802**