



Acknowledgement Poem

Simply Mom
by Shari Allamby

A good mom, close to God
Fulfills your needs and spares the rod
Feeds you, clothes you, loves you more
Love that reaches your heart's core
Yes, you argue, there is free will
But through this grows a fonder heart still
That reminds you as her end grows near
She did her best, this thought is clear
To love as God loves, as we all could glean
Thank you, Lord, for the 88-year blessing of this beautiful queen.



Acknowledgements

For those who were able to be here today, we honor your presence. For others who stand with us through prayer and sweet thoughts of our mom, Betty Dukes, we hold you in high esteem. You cannot possibly know how much the support of family, church family and friends has meant to us in this difficult time. We thank you for your beautiful floral arrangements, visits, calls, offers of food, and other acts of kindness. Your prayers sustain us and will continue to minister to us through our grief.



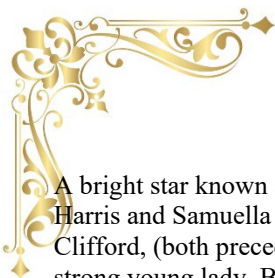
In Loving Memory
Of
Betty Dukes

Sunrise: November 03, 1934 Sunset: December 22, 2022



Memorial Service

*Thursday January 19, 2023
10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM
California Burial Chapel
2200 Highland Avenue
National City, California 91950*



Obituary

A bright star known as Betty Frances was born November 3, 1934, to parents Aaron Harris and Samuella Hickman in Decatur, Illinois. She had two brothers, David and Clifford, (both preceded her in death) who pestered her daily, helping her to become a strong young lady. Betty received her first Bible at age eleven from her God-fearing grandmother, Bessie F Watkins. Her grandmother left a beautiful inscription, “With love hoping as you grow in age you will grow in Grace as an instructor,” and that’s just what she did; she dedicated her life faithfully to Christ.

She grew up working in her Uncle Harold and Aunt Evelyn’s store where they raised and sold chickens. As a young Black woman, she had no idea how invaluable this experience would be as financial education for her future. In her spare time, she enjoyed dancing and listening to many of the jazz greats when they arrived in the neighboring town of Chicago, Illinois.

She moved to Los Angeles, CA with her mother and soon to be stepfather, Theodore Rogers, in 1952. There she had four children: Terry, Claudia, Kevin, and Lisa. After her marriage to George Dukes, she had her fifth child, Shari. She and George moved the family to San Diego where they remained married until George passed away in March 2017 (56.5 years). This is the true meaning of “Til death do us part.”

Betty enjoyed life! She loved league bowling and had many trophies to prove her skills and dedication. She taught her kids how to ride a bike, skate, and sew. She made all her girls’ clothes for special occasions which were a gift of love and all worn proudly. She was a great cook and had “hot feet” on the dance floor. Most importantly, Betty loved the Lord and passed this love of God to her children. In 1969, she found Second Baptist Church in Linda Vista where she worked as the church secretary from 1976-1982 until she moved her fellowship to Mt. Erie Baptist Church. Under Rev. Walter Wells, she dedicated 35 years in attendance, and many of those years were spent singing faithfully as an alto in the Senior Choir. She had a beautiful voice and was loved by many.

Betty completed her education by taking adult education courses. After receiving her diploma, she enrolled into a Biomedical Laboratory Assistant course which opened an opportunity for employment as Biology Laboratory Assistant at UCSD where she advanced for 20 years until she retired. Her greatest success was to be a great mom who loved the Lord and was ready to serve when the church doors opened. She loved with passion and if she called you “Sweetie,” it meant a great deal. We celebrate the life of our dearly beloved mother who left her legacy and mark in our hearts.

Betty peacefully passed away on December 22, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuella and Aaron, her stepfather Theodore, Her husband George, and sons Terry and Kevin. She is survived by her daughters Claudia, Lisa, and Shari, eight grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

Order of Service

(Kindly silence all cell phones)

Processional.....Family
Welcome / Opening Prayer.....Fr. Chris Bodiford

Reading from The Old Testament

Reading from The New Testament

Selection.....Jeanette Benyard

Obituary Reading.....Claudia Dalrymple

Reading.....Shari and Andrew Allamby

Eulogy.....Fr. Chris Bodiford

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

Anderson Allamby II
Fr. Chris Bodiford

Selection.....Jeanette Benyard

Words of Encouragement.....Fr. Chris Bodiford

Closing Prayers.....Fr. Chris Bodiford

