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To My Family

*I'm not here, but I haven't left you.
I'm home where I belong.
My wish now is for all of you
To keep each other strong.*

*The bumps we hit, the turns we make
Were determined at our birth.
We were not given an infinite time
To be here on this earth.*

*Choose your roads carefully,
Always following God's plan
For you to meet me someday
In our Dear Lord's promised land.*

*Please keep each other up and be blessed.
Remembering He alone knows what is best.
God knows when it's the perfect time
To go to our final rest.*

Written by Betty J. McKibben



Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you sang a lovely song,
or prepared some tasty food.
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen,
or made us laugh to lighten the mood.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family of Betty J. McKibben



Isaiah 40:31

*"But those who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint."*



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A Service of Memory for

Betty J. McKibben

July 5, 1941 — February 9, 2021



Monday, February 15, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Zion Bethel Church

3869 Vine Street • Cincinnati, OH 45217

Pastor Shawn McMullen, *Officiating*

Obituary

Heaven Sent: July 5, 1941
Redeemed: February 9, 2021

Betty Joyce Norman/Miller Branch McKibben was born to Thelma Norman and Robert L. Miller on July 5, 1941 at the General Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Betty was baptized as a pre-teen at the Zion Baptist Church in the west end, where she spent her early life.

After her mother's marriage to Lamar Chester, she was relocated to Walnut Hills 'til adulthood. She married Arthur L. Branch and gave birth to four children: Anthony (Mary) Branch, Gayle Perkins (fiancé-Tyrone Hyde), Sharlene (Larry) Stallworth and Christopher (Erica) Branch.

Betty's church attendance became sporadic, then non-existent for about 25 years. However, her Christianity and beliefs were still apparent to others, in her speech and actions, though not always to herself.

In January 1999, she joined Miami Baptist Church, where she asked to be baptized. Again, stating she knew now what it actually meant.

Betty, a divorcee, remarried in 1992 to Joseph

McKibben, to whom she was devoted until he passed on, in April 2013.

She was preceded in homegoing by her parents; two brothers, Stevie L. Chester and Master Staff Sgt. Eddie L. (Sonia) Norman; one step-sister, Ora B. Rhodes; one stepbrother, David Chester; one half brother, Robert L. Miller, Jr.; one half sister, Gloria Chaney; one great-grandson, Na'Shawn Kitchen; and her friend, Delores Jones.

She leaves to celebrate her life, in addition to her four children, one brother, Gleeman Chester; 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; cousins, nieces, nephews and acquaintances; her best, as she used to say, friend on earth, Otta Lanier and equally loved friends, Ruthann Jones and Yvonne Lathan. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.



Revelation 5:5

"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, The Lion of The Tribe of Judah, The Root of David has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.'"

Order of Service

Parting View
The Family

Scripture Reading
Pastor Shawn E. McMullen, Sr.

Prayer
Pastor Shawn E. McMullen, Sr.

Solo/Selection
Acknowledgement of
Cards and Resolution
Sis. Melvina Harris

Remarks
Selected Speakers

Obituary
Read Silently

Eulogy and Benediction
Pastor Shawn E. McMullen, Sr.

Recessional

