

HOMEGOING & CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

SUNRISE
NOVEMBER 12, 1941

SUNSET
MARCH 4, 2021

MOTHER
Betty Clark
JENKINS
— “MA BETTY” —

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

PUBLIC VIEWING • 11:00AM-12:00 NOON

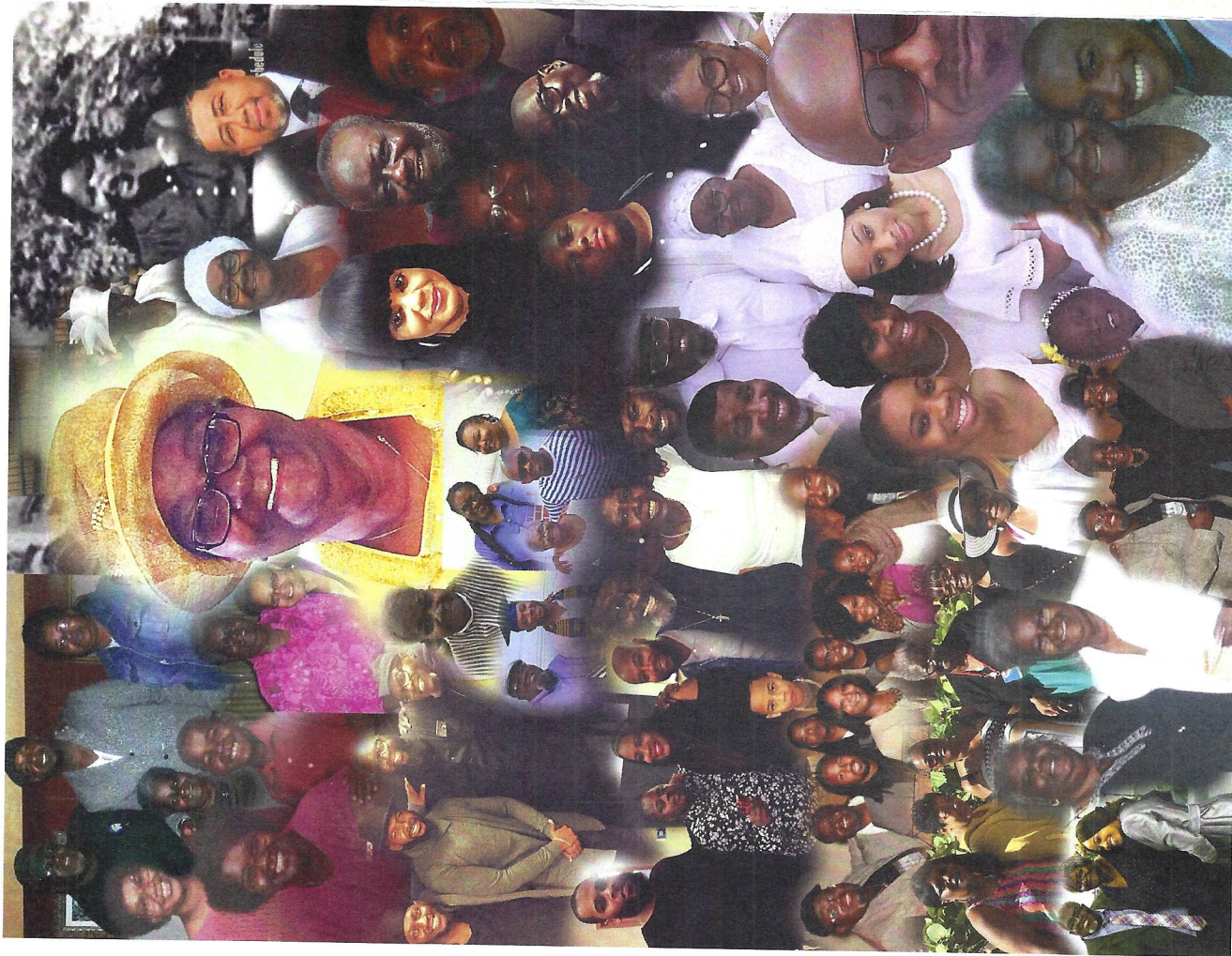
PRIVATE SERVICE • 12:00 NOON
(SERVICE WILL BE STREAMED VIA FACEBOOK)

REFUGE TEMPLE CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

152 N. MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON NC

SENIOR PASTOR • BISHOP REGINALD DAVIS

****CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE ENFORCED; EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE IS
REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK AND TEMPERATURE WILL BE SCREENED****



Steven L. Lyons Funeral Home
1515 New Bern Ave
Raleigh NC 27610

Interment, Monday, March 22, 2021 @10:00 am
Oak Grove Memorial Cemetery, 3212 Cheek Rd,
Durham NC27704

Order of Service

Bishop Reginald Davis-Pastor

Officiant- Lady Marcelle Davies-Lashley

Processional of the Family

Prayer of Comfort

Selection- So Good

Old Testament-Psalms 20:1-3
New Testament-St. Johns 14:1-4

Solo- High Place- Min. Arnold Bullock

Shared Stories-Mother Evelina Foster
Jeannie Horton

Solo- Tis So Sweet- Sis. Leluene Thompson

Shared Memories- Cheryl Britton
Harold Lamont Grier
James Ford

Selection- Heaven Belongs To You

Shared Moments- Ronnie McNair
Shelea McNair
Tommy Clark

Solo- Alabaster Box- First Lady Charity Davis

Eulogy- Bishop Reginald Davis

Final Viewing

Benediction

Special thanks

to you all for taking the time to share in this celebration of life of Ma Bettie.
The family will thank you all on a more intimate level at a later date.

Special thanks

to Physical Therapist Melissa, Nurse Terri Sullivan and the UNC Care Team.
Pallbearers- Nephews and Close Friends
Flower Girls – Nieces and Close Friend

Obituary

Beautiful dark skin, tall and sublime, Betty Jean Clark Jenkins affectionately known as "Ma Bettie" was born in Rocky Mount, NC on November 12, 1941 to Howard and Carrie McNair. Once her parents fell asleep, the young Betty Jean moved to Brooklyn, New York to live with her sister Helen McNair. She received a vibrant education in the public schools in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The beautiful Betty Jean met and married Roland Clark Sr. and to this two become one flesh covenant, only daughter Michele, sons Roland Jr., Michael and Tommy came to be. If you knew Ma Bettie, you knew that her children were the loves of her life. Ma Bettie's mother in law offered the family a home and without hesitation in the best interest and safety of the children, they left New York and moved to Oxford, NC.

By God's grace Ma Bettie attended Refuge Temple Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith under the leadership of then Elder now Apostle Thomas E. Woolfolk where she received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. All the family attended and she served as Missionary and Mother of the church. A warrior woman, Ma Bettie lost her husband Roland and son Roland Jr. in the same year to illnesses. Who gets to be loved by two in a lifetime of combined 45 plus years? This speaks to the heart of the woman that was Betty Jean.

"Love isn't love until you give it away" and Betty Jean opened her heart once again to Pastor Daniel Jenkins where she served as First Lady at the House of Prayer Church in Creedmoor, NC. Ma Bettie loved to cook for her family and friends. Her home was always open to anyone in need and it was the house of many gatherings as she was the hostess extraordinaire. Ma Bettie loved to laugh and talk. Everyone in her company loved her thought provoking conversations. She was known to speak her mind and tell it like it was without reservation. Honest and completely candid, Ma Bettie ministered from a loving compassionate place to the young and old.

You could not beat Ma Bettie shopping, something that she loved to do. Even from her bedside, she'd have a catalog nearby scouring the next find. Be sure that if it was a garment, it represented holiness, a characteristic that she did not bend on. For the record, Ma Bettie could talk some smack and slay you in a game of Phase 10. She played for keeps and would fight a child at the table to win.

Queen Betty Jean was preceded in death by Roland Clark Sr., Roland Clark Jr., Daniel Jenkins, grand daughter Lakesha Smith, siblings Telcie, Helen, Howard, Mattie Ruth, Alma, and Donald. The beautiful soul that was Betty Jean leaves to cherish her humor, candor and so many memories her daughter Michele (Stacey) Smith of Oxford, NC, son who's home she was blessed to reside Michael Clark of Garner, NC, her precious baby Tommy Clark of Morrisville, NC that you better not mess with on Ma Bettie's watch, only grandchild Ordell Smith, her siblings who adored her, sister Lasandra McNair of South Boston, VA, brother Ronnie (Janey) McNair of Queens, New York, a special niece Betty claims as one of her daughters Shelea McNair of Raleigh, NC, special god daughter Cheryl Britton, special god daughter who always stepped in and provided aid and care Paula Taylor, two very dear friends Mother Evelina Foster and Jeannie Horton who were known to spend convocations, state meetings and women's councils together, thus her travel buddies and longtime confidants. Ma Bettie loved us all and you are in this number of those she cherished.

If Ma Bettie loved you dearly, you knew it. If you wore her nerves, you knew that too. Honesty is a lost art and compassion seems to be a trait of our past and Ma Bettie exhibited both. We are all better to have sat at the feet of, under the shadow and around the table that held court and wisdom of the chocolate beauty Betty Jean Clark Jenkins. Until the rapture *Ma...*