

Betty Jean Benton

February 3, 1931 – July 15, 2014



Betty Jean Benton was born to Aubrey Dawson and Lillie M. Craigs in Opp, Alabama. Her mother preceded her in death at an early age leaving her to be reared by her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Lane of Kinston, Alabama.

Betty graduated from Covington County Training School in Andalusia, Alabama. After leaving Alabama, she resided in Palmetto, Florida, where she met and married Jeremiah Benton. She later resided in Philadelphia and Trenton New Jersey; Springfield, Massachusetts, and relocated to Boston in 1957.

Betty accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of eleven under the Reverend D.W. Gray at the Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp. She joined Metropolitan Baptist Church on May 10, 1981 under the Reverend William L. Cooper. She served on the Usher Board for eighteen years as secretary and vice president. She also served as the assistant church clerk and church secretary for a number of years, retiring all duties in 2003.

Betty completed certificates in Early Childhood Education and Certified Nursing Aid and Assistance at Bunker Hill College in Charleston, Massachusetts. She was employed at ABCD in early childhood education, at Brigham and Women's Hospital as a medical coordinator and secretary in obstetrics for sixteen years. She retired in 1993 and then re-entered the workforce in the Boston Public School System as a secretary of Citywide Parents Council from 1997 – 2002. Betty was very generous and always opened her home and kitchen to those in need. She was always willing to help those who needed it expecting nothing in return. She was the example of a Good Samaritan always willing to show love and kindness to all.

Betty is survived by four children: Two daughters: Valeria A. Benton of Boston, Massachusetts and Cynthia J. Hall of Springfield, Massachusetts; two sons: Charles K. Benton and Anthony C. Benton of Boston, Massachusetts; nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by one son Jeffrey S. Benton of Springfield, Massachusetts.