



## Betty Cheeks

April 30, 1943 - October 13, 2020

BETTY CATHRYN CHEEKS, daughter of the late Catherine and Waverly Roosevelt Smith, Sr. was born on April 30, 1943 in Cumberland, Virginia. God called her home on October 13, 2020, after a lengthy illness.

Betty was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, and graduated from

Paul Lawrence Dunbar High. Later she was employed by the Baltimore City Public

School System from 1981-1983, when she found out she was pregnant with her baby

girl. After Ashley was born, she started at the United States Postal Service, where

she served for 10 years. On October 24, 1959, she married the love of her life, Willie

Rocco Cheeks. Saturday was their 61st wedding anniversary, and they were still very

much in love! Willie adored "Bett". From this union came four children; two boys

and two girls. Her children were her best friends and meant the world to her. Betty

was also close with her siblings. She had a special bond with her grandchildren;

and was like a second mom to her nieces and nephews. Betty loved her

family and friends. They would often sit around the table at family gatherings and talk about back in the day. She would open her home to everyone, especially those she loved. She was a strong lady, tiny in stature, known for her beautiful head of hair, big personality, and an even bigger heart. Betty loved to cook and entertain. It was a family tradition to come to her house during the holidays, or any day for food and fun. The family would often gather for dinner, to play cards, or just to visit. She'd be watching her shows with "Wull", drinking a cup of coffee or her Pepsi, laughing, telling stories and jokes! Years back you would have caught her sewing. She was a very smart, witty, creative, stylish, and talented woman. Betty was a great wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Doctors tried to count Betty out many times over the years, however she showed them! She fought through every battle and bounced back even prettier, stronger, and with longer hair! Her strength was phenomenal and a true gift from God. Some of the fondest memories her husband, children, and grandchildren have is that she greatly loved them all, yet she knew how to love them individually in her own special way. She knew exactly what each of them needed. She would often feed some of the children in the neighborhood who were hungry.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Willie R. Cheeks Sr.; sons, Willie R.

Cheeks, Jr. (Nyesha Cheeks), Andre Cheeks (Marlene Cheeks); daughter, Tracy D.

Bell (David Bell); grandchildren, Tracy A. Cheeks, Audrea S. Cheeks, Brittany D.

Bell, Brandon D. Bell, Keyon A. Ford Jr.; great-grandchildren, Anwion and Aaround

Cheeks, Zoe S. Cheeks; brother, Waverly R. "Brother" Smith Jr.; sisters, Lucy L.

"Sister" Davenport Johnson, Mary Ann Fritz (Marvin Fritz), Pamela Smith.

Preceded her in death is her daughter Ashley M. Cheeks, grandson Andre "Aunie

Baby" Cheeks, and siblings Robert C. Smith, Sr., Ida P. Sykes-Williams, Wayne D.

Smith, and Daryl S. Smith.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill

5829 Ritchie Highway  
Brooklyn, MD 21230

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

OCT **26**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Cheeks*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Cheeks family. Mrs. Betty will truly be missed. I never heard her complain about anything. She always greeted you with gentle voice and a beautiful smile. We will truly missed you from Aiken St. From the Fields Family Love Always.*

**Teresa** - October 25, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Hi Family,*

*Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Betty, she was an Angel and now she is with God.  
Love Vicky & Eugene Pigatt*



**Vicky Pigatt** - October 20, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

**March Funeral Homes** - October 15, 2020 at 04:08 PM