



Betty Lou Franklin

April 2, 1951 - February 8, 2013

Betty Lou was born in Summerton, South Carolina on April 2, 1951 to parents, Thomas Bennett and Orneatha Oliver. She had three older siblings - Hilton, Patsy and Hercules — all of whom preceded her in death. Betty's mother, Orneatha died when Betty was two years old, causing Betty to grow up living with several relatives in South Carolina, New Jersey and finally Baltimore, Maryland. She arrived in Baltimore at the age of sixteen and attended Forest Park High School while working in her aunt's salon. It was during her time in Baltimore that she also met her biological father, Sam McBride.

Eager to start a family of her own, Betty met and in 1969 married Johnny L. Mathis and together they had two daughters, Kelli and Danette. After their divorce in 1980, Betty persevered as a single mother while working to support her daughters. She moved through several career fields but her favorite was that of a school bus driver. It was as a bus driver that she met Reginald Franklin in the mid 1990's. Betty and Reggie married in 1995 and remained together until his death in September of 2009.

Betty enjoyed sewing and cooking and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She also loved watching the Rifleman. She was always eager to share whatever she had with anyone and help if someone needed it.

Betty finally succumbed to her various illnesses on February 8, 2013 after a very difficult year of illness and hospitalizations and dialysis. She is survived by her daughters, Kelli and Danette; Kelli's children, Nicholas and Jocelyn; her grandcat, Danette's cat, Max; as well as stepchildren, Regina, Twanda and Reginald Jr.

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lou Franklin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - February 14, 2013 at 05:30 AM



“ *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 - February 11, 2013 at 09:53 AM

JJ

I just heard about Aunt Bettie... I am sooo sorry for your lost. Please hold on to the memories and cherish them. Know she hasn't left you, she will be with you every step you take. I lost my mom Susan Johnson(Nute) last year and both Crystal, my sister and I have been there for each other. Know it is a roller coaster ride of emotions that will creep up on your at any time and any place. From my experience I cant say to you that it is going to get better. Others tell me this, but I have not experienced it yet. I miss her so much. But what I can say is that you will remember moments that you have shared with her and the experience will be a BEAUTIFUL THING. Remember no one can take that Love and the memories you have, for they are yours and only yours.... Daughter stay blessed and know she is in a better place rejoicing. The pain in your heart will ease up and become a little easier to deal with (I promise). Jackie Johnson & Crystal Johnson---Newark, NJ

Jackie Johnson - February 15, 2013 at 04:26 PM