



## Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Thornton

December 17, 1937 - May 18, 2026

Elizabeth "Betty Boo" peacefully entered into eternal rest on May 18, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband, William (King Bee) Thornton, son, William (Chick) Thornton, parents John and Veola Crosby, sister, Helen Barnes and granddaughter Bayyinah Bailey. She leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters, Talitha E. Brown (Douglas), Paula D. Thornton, son Mandel V. Thornton, 5 grandchildren: Mandel, Cory, LaTasha, Patreace and Shenae', 7 great grandchildren : Cor'Shea, Cynai, Kae'Von, Ta'Ciya, Dwayne, DeAntimino, and Jae'Mya, 2 great great grandchildren: Brielle and Tazanna, sister: Dorothy Smith , brothers John Crosby, Jr. (Barbara) and Robert James Crosby (Dorothy); a devoted niece, Cherie Holt, devoted nephew, Reverend Samuel C. Barnes, JR also a host of relatives and friends.

Betty was educated in the Richmond Public School system and trained as a cosmetologist. Many young girls were sent to our apartment, in Jackson Ward, to have their hair done up for holidays.

Elizabeth was the Fashionista of the family; She would dress to impress whenever she stepped outside of the house. With her makeup, nails, and hair done up she was always ready to take a picture.

Elizabeth was baptized at and a faithful member of Sharon Baptist Church and later being of service on The C.B. Belcher Memorial Usher Board. She

enjoyed the fellowship and the many friends she worshipped with.

Elizabeth retired from Nabisco in 1999, after many years coming home from work with the aroma of cookies and crackers. Her devoted co-workers were also friends that kept in touch even after retirement.

Many have watched her cook over the years and tried their hands at her recipes. After many years of cooking holiday dinners and her famous potato salad, she finally let her daughter Paula and granddaughters take the reins, but she always had the final say on HER potato salad.

The joy of her life was her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was known as Grandma, Little Grandma, Granny, Grandy, and Nana. There wasn't a baby in her atmosphere that she did not love up on. It was also a delight for her to have the grands come over on Sundays for dinner and quality family time. She made sure her family always had what they needed and an abundance of what they wanted.

Betty Boo will be sorely missed by all the lives she has nurtured and touched. We will miss her beauty, her laughter, and her love.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## Closed Casket Funeral Service

MAY **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church - Richmond  
500 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222

*NO PUBLIC VIEWING*

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 26 at 08:45 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death. However, ITS stated in GODS word the bible that the very first humans were created to live only on this earth, and created perfect with the ability to live forever without any pain or sickness or death. but because mankind made that decision to disobey GODS Laws their perfect life and all those born after them would be cut short. However, or loving heavenly father and his son decided to make changes according to 2PETER 3/13 and PSALM 37/10/11 it states that soon only righteous people including all those that have passed away will be given the opportunity to live forever on a restored paradise earth. My hope is to be there and i hope you all will be there also, thanks.*

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**Joseph Jones** - June 01 at 03:19 PM



“ *Love, The Ross Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Thornton.*



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**Love, The Ross Family** - May 27 at 04:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Thornton.*



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May 27 at 10:23 AM



“ *Stantec Building Government Services RIC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Thornton.*



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**Stantec Building Government Services RIC** - May 26 at 01:24 PM



“ *Stantec Building Government Services RIC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Betty Boo" Thornton.*

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**Stantec Building Government Services RIC** - May 26 at 01:24 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 20 at 05:19 PM

SB

*Aunt Betty, you fought a good fight and kept your faith. Rest well, you will be missed.*

**Samuel Barnes** - May 21 at 09:45 AM

JC

*Prayers for the Thornton family at this difficult time knowing the Lord will comfort and strengthen you. Betty Boo rest well 🙏*

**James Creer** - May 21 at 02:11 PM

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*Gma you will truly be missed for eternity. I love you so much and you were so strong. You were the matriarch of this family. Truly the backbone. My heart is torn in pieces but I find comfort knowing you are no longer suffering or in pain and we will see each other again. So this is not a goodbye. I will see you later. Well done my girl. I know you're safe resting in Gods arms and with knowing that I find peace.*

**Shenae (Poobey)** - May 21 at 03:57 PM

RB

*Ms. Betty Boo you will be missed.  
On behalf of the Brown Family, and your long time friends , our parents, John and Shirley Brown, take your Rest. Well Done*

**Rodney Brown** - May 21 at 04:28 PM

RT

*Condolences to the Thornton family Betty will be truly missed Love Clarence Thornton and family*

**Rochanda Thornton** - May 24 at 02:53 PM

CH

*Aunt Betty, I will miss our (almost) daily talks and will always cherish those moments. Rest well.*

**Cherie Holt** - May 26 at 08:15 AM

DC

*Dear Betty:*

*We are extending our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*We didn't get a chance to see you often but you we all have loving memories of you that we hold in our heart.*

*On behalf of Uncle Abraham & Juanita Cosby's family, we are sending prayers of comfort to your family you have left behind. May you rest in perfect peace.*

*Denise, Danny, Louise, Joyce and Junie \*\*\**

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**Denise Cosby** - May 27 at 01:11 PM