



## Betty Anne Jackson

January 4, 1939 - March 19, 2024

Betty Anne (Wilson) Jackson was born in Ottumwa, IA on January 4, 1939. Betty was one of four daughters born to Wallace and Helen (Green) Wilson.

Betty returned to Des Moines when she was about 5 years old and attended Crocker Elementary School, Washington Irving Junior High School, graduated from (old) North High School and attended Drake University. In her youth Betty was passionate about being a Drum Majorette with the Elks Lodge Drum and Bugle Corp in Des Moines, IA -she always said she loved it in part because it was her time to "show-out." She was also a member of the North High School Girls Glee Club. As a young adult Betty was employed at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines,.

Betty was always active in the church; she was a member and baptized at Corinthian Baptist Church in Des Moines before relocating to Minneapolis where she married Wallace W. Williams, and became one of the first members of Greater Sabathani Baptist Church now known as Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She held positions in the church that she was very passionate about including Church Clerk for a number of years and heading up the Hospitality Committee. She was a steadfast student and loved studying her Sunday school lessons.

Later in life, Betty was joined in marriage to Charles E. Jackson, expanding

her family to include his mother Alice Spate (deceased), his children Charles E. Jackson II, Charlene Jackson (deceased) and Garold Jackson. During their marriage they enjoyed travel including long car trips, watching football, and movie dates. One of their favorite movies was "The Bodyguard" with its theme song "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston that became one of their favorite songs and was even sung at their wedding.

Betty loved playing softball-joining an organized women's league when she first arrived in Minneapolis. This was an extension of her love for baseball, a passion she shared with her beloved father. They enjoyed going to Minnesota Twins games and later in his life they would stop by neighborhood parks and cheer on teams that were playing.

Betty enjoyed all sports and would often make the annual trip to visit her hometown for the Drake Relays and Iowa Days. When in town she would have to pick up a "tenderloin" or a "grinder" from the restaurants still there from her youth-just the thought of them would make her smile even brighter. She had a passion for collecting angels which you could find a various varieties of art work all around her home. Betty also adored the fall season and it's palette of colors were her favorite as well.

Betty always wanted anyone she met to reach their highest potential and loved to support them in reaching their goals. Her work at the Minnesota Workforce Center as a career counselor is an example of this and was one of her greatest joys.

Betty loved her family and church family, and loved bringing people together. She loved family and church gatherings, and if she couldn't be with those she loved in person, she loved to call them to catch up. She especially loved to call and catch you up on her favorite TV shows (The Bachelor and The Bachelorette). Even if you weren't a fan, her enthusiasm was infectious and

her animated retelling of the show could make anyone a fan!

Betty Jackson was called home on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Helen Wilson; husband, Charles E. Jackson; and sisters, Mattie Jeanette Jennings, Sandra Mae Golding, and Carolyn Louise Hamilton. Betty leaves her cherished memories with her daughter, Love (Lorilyn Sue) Nyala; beloved grandson, Thelonious Williams; granddaughter, Nyala Williams; nine nieces; six nephews; a host of great-nieces and nephews and extended family; friends and acquaintances.

Service will take place on Friday, April 5th at 11 AM at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 2600 E 38th Street, Minneapolis, MN. Reviewal beginning at 10 AM. Betty will be laid to rest at 1:30 PM at Oak Hill Cemetery, 5901 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN. Repast to follow from 2-5 PM at Capri Theater, 2027 W Broadway, Minneapolis, MN.

For those who are unable to attend in person, a livestream of the service will be available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QUQWHK2QJI>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
2600 East 38th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Church Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
2600 East 38th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Graveside Service

APR 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
5901 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty and staff from Careerforce / Worforce Center. She will be deeply missed.



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**Heidi Stay** - April 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM

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**Laura Dale** - April 03, 2024 at 11:14 AM

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“ Betty and I worked together at the North and South Minneapolis CareerForce locations for several years. She taught me so much when I got started. After a particularly rough time in my life, Betty and I talked for hours, with her just listening (and probably getting sick of me) every day. I don't know how I would have gotten through that time without her. She was a mentor and a friend. I loved when Betty would share or let slip something about her "spicier" side. I remember having lunch with her at Wendy's one day when she told me she would be retiring. I said, "Shut up!" and she laughed and laughed. We had a blast planning her retirement party. I am sad to hear of her passing and am sending my thoughts to the family.

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**Laura Dale** - April 02, 2024 at 05:09 PM