



Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs

January 13, 1940 - August 16, 2024

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Humble Beginnings

Betty Cille Moss, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and church mother, was born on January 13, 1940, in Notasulga, Alabama, to Ed D. and Florence Moss. She was the second of five children. Affectionately called “Honey Dew” by her father because of her sweet little chubby cheeks, her family later shortened her nickname to “Hundo,” which family members and close friends fondly called her, and to which she always answered.

Betty moved to Apopka, Florida, with her family at the age of three. She attended Phyllis Wheatley Elementary and Senior High School in the 1950s, where she was known for her great athletic skills on the basketball court. She was a member of the school marching band, where she played the clarinet, and she was also a majorette.

Betty's early employment included working at Hickerson Plant Nursery in Apopka as a plant specialist and then at Sunland Training Center in Orlando

as a developmental specialist, caring for children with special needs. She also worked as a photo lab technician in Orlando and Dayron Corporation in Orlando in the production department.

Betty was deeply involved in her community, serving as a poll worker for many years with the Orange County Supervisor of Elections.

At Home

In the 1960s, Betty moved to the Richmond Heights subdivision in Orlando and became one of many young residents of this community. Later, Betty was blessed to unite with her love, Alphonso Jacobs; they shared a 50-year union and a blended family of seven children: Deborah, Hellaka, Freda, Marnita, Alvin, Tracy, Jarvis, and Melinda.

Betty was her neighborhood's plant and flower goddess, maintaining an immaculate lawn with her husband Alphonso and cultivating a variety of colorful flowers from plant cuttings collected from neighbors' yards. Betty was also a fashionista, known for wearing the most elegantly styled hats and carefully selected matching apparel for all occasions. It was common to see Alphonso and Betty in color-coordinated outfits at church and during their many outings as a couple.

Her Christian Journey

Betty's Christian journey began at a very early age when she joined and was baptized at St. Elizabeth Holiness Church in Apopka, Florida, where the late Reverend Mother Nora Edwards was the founder. Years later, she joined Bethlehem Missionary in Orlando under the leadership of the late Reverend L.W. Wilson, where she was a faithful member, sang in the adult choir, and served on other church ministries.

Betty continued her work for the Kingdom of God under Pastors Drs. Richard

and Ingrid Bishop of the Agape Assembly Baptist Church for 31 years. Her faith grew by leaps and bounds as she demonstrated her love for God's house and God's word continuously. Throughout her years of dedication and commitment, Deaconess Betty Jacobs held various positions in the ministry where her true character was always on display. As director of the Bread of Heaven food ministry, one of her most passionate forms of outreach, she imparted both physical and spiritual nourishment, exhibiting compassion and empathy to everyone regardless of their race or back-ground. Her role as the Deaconess President was marked by her staunch belief in representing God as a chosen leader, inspiring her to train young women to be God-conscious.

As choir president, her meticulousness regarding uniformity and continuity was paramount when singing to the glory of God. As a faithful member of the Sista Circle Women's Ministry, she never missed an outing, conference, excursion, or meeting. Her wholeheartedness and enthusiasm were consistently on display. Sunday school and Bible study epitomized her love for learning the word of God, and she couldn't wait to share the knowledge she gained from her studies with others. Deaconess Betty Jacobs was consecrated as the mother of the church, to which the endearing name "Mama J" was bestowed upon her. Mother J was not only the mother of Agape but a mother to all, exemplifying Christ-like characteristics to the entire community and everyone she met.

She poured her heart and soul into the role of Pastor Care Coordinator and was known as the voice of the pastor, embodying the love and respect she held for them as if they were her own. Mother J could always be relied upon to assist others with an encouraging word, a heartfelt prayer (using her blessed oil, of course), and honest advice, even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear. Using her vehicle as both a chauffeur and a pantry, she eagerly helped others and was always ready to answer the call of Christian duty. With her infectious

laughter and soprano voice, Mother J's memory of selfless service and dedication to humanity will live on forever.

Family Legacy

Family togetherness and her roots in Alabama meant so much to her. Betty and Alphonso shared annual Christmas Eve gathering centered around the big family prayer circle. During this prayer, Betty and Alphonso would call everyone into the living room to join hands as they began to read scriptures, prophesy, and anoint heads with oil. The evening was filled with love, the best soul food, and most importantly.

Betty was also an integral part of the annual 4th of July Moss family reunion in Apopka, which was started by her mother, Florence "Granny" Moss. Recently, Betty was able to share her birthplace with her daughters and granddaughters during a trip to Notasulga, Alabama, in July 2022 for her last visit home. This visit was special because Betty could recall the exact location of her birthplace without using GPS. Divinely driven by God from her birthplace on Lee Road 1 in Notasulga, Alabama, to her final resting place in Heaven.

Betty forged impactful paths for all who knew her. She is remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and church mother. On August 16, 2024, the Heavenly Father said, "Well Done," and called our earthly angel to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her father, Ed D. Moss, mother, Florence Moss, brother, John Moss, and daughter, Hellaka Fedrick.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her devoted Husband, Alphonso Jacobs; Children: Deborah Hastings (Lenroy), Freda Kinsler (Kenneth, deceased), Marnita Smith (Keith), Alvin Garrett (Sherry), Tracy Garrett, and Jarvis Garrett; Special Daughter, Melinda Berrien (Andrew); Siblings: Dorothy Boykin, Jennifer Moss, and Janice Moss; 14 Grand-children; 12 Great-

Grandchildren; Goddaughter, Aquasia Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews; and Special Cousins: Ruby DeVance (Joe) and Maereen Moss-Grant (Ulysee).

Cemetery Details

Apopka Memorial Cemetery

1221 Washington Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Tribute Wall



“ CLARA J DESUE lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs



CLARA J DESUE - August 31, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ West Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs



West Family - August 31, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.



August 30, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.



August 30, 2024 at 08:34 AM

TF

“ The King & Love Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.

The King & Love Family - August 30, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.



August 30, 2024 at 03:29 AM

ND

“ Nicole Dobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.

Nicole Dobson - August 30, 2024 at 03:29 AM

YN

“ Your Neighbors, Derrick and Sheri Nealey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.



Your Neighbors, Derrick and Sheri Nealey - August 29, 2024 at 09:00 PM

PW

“ *Pastor James & Lady Carolyn Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.*



Pastor James & Lady Carolyn Wilson - August 29, 2024 at 11:45 AM

GF

“ *Gwen Boykin & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs.*



Gwen Boykin & Family - August 24, 2024 at 03:47 PM

LP

“ *Love and prayers are with you as you journey through this time of grief. May GOD give you Peace and Comfort. Laurice Peterson 🙏❤️🌸*



Laurice Peterson - August 22, 2024 at 10:26 PM

LH

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Jacobs family, we still cherish the many years of service, fellowship and friendship thru the years. RIP as your new life begins. Deacon Lonnie and Sister Gloria Holmes.*

Lonnie Holmes - August 20, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JM

My Sweet Beautiful Big Sister, Thank You So Very Much For Being My Beautiful Sister. I Appreciate The Love and Hugs and Words of Wisdom and Your Kindness. You have Always been a Warm heart for me and Easy to Love and Talk to. I'm going to miss you so very much. But I know that you're at peace and Enjoying ELOHIM Our Savior. Give Love to Mommy and The Rest of the Family. Until We Meet Again!! Love your Baby Sister. Jennifer aka Top Moss 🙌❤️🙏

Jennifer Moss - August 21, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SW

My deepest condolences to the family. I remember the times at Phyllis Wheatley and the walks home. Praying God comfort and keep you as only He can. Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. May Betty Rest in Power.

Shirley R. Woods

Shirley R. Woods - August 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ I’ll miss the annual prayer over me and the family heading into the New Year and you telling God exactly what we need even though we never shared with you what the need was (she just always knew). I’ll miss being rubbed on the forehead with the holy oil and when you would start the prayer with, “Lord look over my grandchild.” I’ll miss being squeezed so tight when you hug me, I’ll miss your great big smile and your super sweet laugh. I’ll miss hearing, “Grab what you want out the kitchen. You know Nana house.” Last Sunday, I was told to tell Nana goodbye over FaceTime because according to the doctors, she (at that time) only had about 24-48 hours to live. But Nana kept fighting to stay just a little bit longer. Late Friday night, my Nana passed away after long-hard fight with cancer. As a family, we’re thankful there’s no more suffering. We’re thankful for the wonderful memories and grateful she can rest and be at peace. We love you, Nana. I know your presence will continue to be felt. A big shout out to my Fiancé. He’s always there for me and going thru this trying time with my family has been no different. He’s always in tune with what I need even when I don’t communicate those things. (I need to get better with that by the way lol) Also very thankful for my future in-laws. I was in Indy with them this weekend when I got the news and they all wrapped around me to offer up much: love, comfort and support. I’m sure my Nana is smiling down from Heaven, I was covered in such a way. #SIPNana #ILoveYou- Ashley



LaShay aSh - August 20, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BF

“ *The Family of Late Rev Lawrence W Wilson Yvonne Wilson ,
Brenda Fleming extend our condolences to the family on passing of
Sister Jacobs.*

Brenda Fleming - August 20, 2024 at 09:26 AM

PG

“ *Patricia Grant lit a candle in memory of
Deaconess Betty C. Garrett Jacobs*



Patricia Grant - August 19, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JS

“ *May Sweet Aunt,*

*How dearly you will be missed. Our lives will
never be the same, you have been such a
blessing to myself, my children and so many
ways. There are no words that can express how much you mean to
us. I will always remember & miss that beautiful smile and heavenly
voice "Hey Baby" "Aunt Betty Love You and kiss those babies".*

*Love you Aunt Betty!!!!!! Forever in our hearts
Jhamiya, Taylor, Jaxon*



Jhamiya Safford - August 19, 2024 at 04:54 PM

KM

Families some time go in different directions in life but it the foundational memories that keep us together in our hearts and minds. We are so grateful for you being in our family and hearts. God's peace be with you and your family during this time.

Family forever,

Kathy / Tony Millsap

Kathy Millsap - August 30, 2024 at 12:05 PM