

Celebration of Life



Betty Ann Taliaferro

MARCH 9, 1938

OCTOBER 31, 2016



FUNERAL SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

VIEWING 4PM - SERVICE 6PM

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THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Betty Ann Taliaferro

Betty Ann Taliaferro nee Studevan, daughter of the late Frank and Mary Studevan departed from this old life to enter a brand new life on October 31, 2016. Betty was born on March 9, 1938, at home at 711 Greenhill Road and transitioned into God's embrace from the same room. She was preceded in death by sisters: Gertrude Pandy, Ida Simon, Laura Driver, Lucille Jones, and Thelma Sisco. Three brothers: Frank, Emerson and Charles Studevan also preceded her in death.

At an early age she attended Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church with her family. She was baptized at First African Baptist Church and later joined First A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Reverend Ernest J. Brown. Betty attended Darby Township schools; graduating from Darby High School. She worked at several jobs including the medical offices of Drs. Amonetti, Zachary, and Bolton as their receptionist. When she left, Betty began to care for her grandchildren and the children of family friends.

Betty and Lee Milton Taliaferro, Jr. (Telly) were married by Reverend B.W. Watkins and together raised their six children. The marriage joined two families, the Studevans and the Taliaferros which grew together to become one. Their union lasted 56 years. As her health began to fail, Telly attended to her needs with love and affection.

Betty had a love for music and enjoyed singing. Her children and grandchildren can recall the many songs that she sang throughout their youth. Her greatest joy was singing in church on the different choirs (Never the senior choir). Before the advent of the CD and Google, she would record gospel songs from the radio and make everyone listen to decipher the words of the song. Thank God for technology! If you sat next to her in church; you may not be able to hear the preacher because she would be singing a song. These songs that popped upon her head usually came from a word or phrase that the preacher said, so it was on topic. She continued to lead songs as her daughters backed her up until her voice was silenced due to her illness.

Betty had an infectious laugh. Once she got going there was no stopping her. Family members would stop, listen and join in the laughter. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband, family and friends. Trips to the Caribbean, Canada, Las Vegas and family reunions up and down the East Coast; gave her great joy. Many families get-togethers were held on Bonsall Ave. and then on Greenhill Road. She last entertained the family this past Memorial Day where some dropped by and others stayed all day.

She leaves to cherish many memories; Lee, her husband; four daughters: Darlele, Tamara and Alberta Taliaferro of Darby Township and Tracy Hunter (Aaron) also of Darby Township; two sons: Lee of Darby Township and Frank(Darlene) of Waxhall, NC; two sisters: Mary Greene of Philadelphia and Margaret Morrison of Darby Township; one brother, Bernard Studevan (Scherrie); brother-in-law George Taliaferro (Michelle); 13 grandchildren: Brooke, Lee, Aaron, Bianca, Brandon, William, Shaleah, Bridgee, Kaleb, Casey, Isaia, Amiah, and Camryn; four great grandchildren; one aunt, Ethel Taliaferro of Wilmington, DE; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and committed church family. A special niece, Rochelle, who attended her daily needs with compassion and love.

Submitted with Praise in our Hearts, The Family



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIANT – PASTOR MAURICE L. BUTLER, FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH OF DARBY TOWNSHIP


- THE ORGAN PRELUDE BROTHER EARL KNIGHT, MINISTER OF MUSIC ST. MATTHEW A.M.E.
- PROCESSIONAL MINISTERS, CLERGY AND FAMILY
- THE CLOSING OF THE BIER CLAUDE J. EDNEY FUNERAL HOME STAFF
- HYMN OF COMFORT "HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND"
- SCRIPTURE READINGS THE OLD TESTAMENT – REVEREND FAITH WATERS, FIRST AME CHURCH
THE NEW TESTAMENT – REVEREND SYLVIA J. DIGGS, FIRST AME CHURCH
- PRAYER OF COMFORT REVEREND DONNA MINOR – MT. PISGAH A.M.E. CHURCH
- POEMS, FAMILY TRIBUTES & REMARKS – (TWO MINUTE LIMIT RESPECTFULLY)
- SONG OF PRAISE ELDER VERNON MORRISON – PATHWAY EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
- READING OF THE OBITUARY DARLENE D. TALIAFERRO
- SONG OF PRAISE ALBERTA TALIAFERRO AND TRACY HUNTER
- EULOGY PASTOR GLENN SHEPARD, MORRIS BROWN A.M.E. CHURCH
- BENEDICTION & RECESSIONAL "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN"

A LIGHT REPAST WILL BE SERVED IN THE AGAPE ROOM

INTERMENT – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016
WASHINGTON CROSSING CEMETERY NEWTOWN, PA - 10:45 AM

PALL BEARERS & FLOWER BEARERS
FAMILY & FRIENDS





"Miss Me But Let Me Go"

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set on me,

I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little--but not too long, and not with your head bowed low,

Remember the love that we once shared, miss me--but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart go to the friends we know.

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,

Miss me--but let me go.



A Note of Thanks & Appreciation

The Family of Betty Ann Taliaferro extend their sincere appreciation to their many family members, friends and neighbors for their prayers, expressions of sympathy and love shown during this time of bereavement. Your genuine compassion and love have truly blessed their hearts more than you will ever know; may God richly reward you with His grace and mercy.



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