



Betty Jean Porter

April 14, 1940 - February 21, 2020

Obituary

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Betty Jean Hersey Porter, 79, was born April 14, 1940 to Pydia Hersey, Sr. and Clara Lee Moore Hersey, the second of (3) children. She was born in Eudora, Arkansas and was there about (8) months. She accepted Christ at an early age. She attended school in Arkansas and lived with her grandparents for a while. Her parents eventually divorced and both families moved to the Kansas City area. She attended school in Kansas City, Kansas. Her father remarried Anna E. Crockett and they had (1) son, her brother Dwight A. Hersey. Later her mother remarried Deacon George Newton, Sr. and she moved to Robbins, Illinois. They had (1) son also George Newton, Jr. (This made a total of 5 siblings). She loved all her brothers and sister very much. They all got along together, and she spent time with them. She graduated from Blue Island High School in Blue Island, Illinois (1957). She later returned to the Kansas City area to live with her father, stepmother and brother. She married Richard Porter, Sr. on December 24, 1958. They had four children Richard, Jr., Shaya, Erma, and Kevin. She later had her baby son Steven A. Porter, her youngest. Betty was a faithful 50+ year member of Morning Star Baptist Church under the leaderships of Rev. H.C. Eason and Rev. John Modest. She was a member of the WMU, Choir and Sunday school. She was a Sunday school teacher, youth counselor, member of the

Senior Social Club and Mother Board. Her love for Christ not only extended throughout her church but also throughout her community, family and friends. Everyone always referred to her as "SWEET BETTY". She worked various jobs and landed at the Internal Revenue Service. She retired as a manager after 29 years of service. After retirement, she continued to have the desire to serve and worked at Dillard's Department store, Attorney Jean Owen and Quest Diagnostic's. She was preceded in death by all of her parents: Deacon Pydia Hersey, Sr. and Anna E. Hersey and Rev. George Newton, Sr. and Clara Lee Newton; sister, Barbara J. Lee, brothers, Pydia Hersey, Jr. and Dwight A. Hersey, step-daughter, Bobbie Porter Booker, grandsons, Andreas Porter and Kenneth Booker, Jr. She departed this life at Research Medical Center on Friday, February 21, 2020 surrounded by her children, grandchildren, brother/sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. Leaving to cherish her precious memories are sons: Richard, Jr., Kevin, and Steven Porter of Kansas City, Missouri; daughters: Shaya Woods (Kevin, Sr.) and Erma of Grandview, Missouri; brother George Newton, Jr. (Deborah) of Kansas City, Kansas; sister-in-law, Linda Hersey of San Diego, California; and son-in-law, Kenneth Booker, Sr. of San Francisco, California; grandchildren: Brandy, Richard, III, LaTasha, Toyia, Tiffany, Kevin, Jr., George, Ciara, Devin, Octavia, Raquel and Tyra, 17 great grandchildren, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, her church family and many friends. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Morning Star Baptist Church 2411 East 27th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64127. Visitation 9:00 a.m. Interment in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sweet and warm remembrance table arrangement was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Porter. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 03:01 PM

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“ Wings of a dove tribute blanket was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Porter by Chad and Donna Hughes. Steven, May our Lord bless and comfort you and the entire Porter Family during your time of sorrow. Our sincere condolences, Chad and Donna Hughes

Chad and Donna Hughes - May 25, 2023 at 03:01 PM

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“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Porter. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 03:01 PM

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“ Our sincere heart felt condolence to her sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren and brother's. She was sweet and always nice to me. I met Mrs. Betty through Erma when she came to Joplin to visit her daughter Erma! I pray you all strength in the Lord and that God grant you peace!

Eula - April 27, 2020 at 08:47 PM

AJ

“ To the Porter Family With heavy hearts we take this time to express our personal condolences to the family of Betty J Porter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends during this time of great sadness. May all continue to draw tender mercy and comfort from this wonderful promise from God where He assures all grieving hearts that we will be reunited back with our departed love ones.(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) God wants all to have strong faith in this loving promise. So He has taken the time to reveal His personal promise in recorded form. At John 5:28-29, He tells us that He would call to those in the grave, and that our departed love ones would hear His voice and stand up in life again. From this one promise, God is giving us His personal guarantee that Betty Jean, and billions of others will surely have their lives restored back to them. All today can have the upmost confidences that this arrangement will take place. Yes God is the source of all created life.(Psalms 36:9) So we say please keep this promise of God near your hearts at all times. Remember that it is impossible for God to lie.(Titus 1:2)

Albert Caldwell Jr - February 28, 2020 at 08:58 AM

MA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray the God of all comfort will help you during this difficult time. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4. Psalms 83:18). Jesus prayed for God's Kingdom to come because He knew it would be able to solve all mankind's problems even death. (Revelation 21:4,5).

Mary - February 27, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“ I remember when I first met granny My daughter Destiny summers was not even born yet but she still excepted me as one of her own grandchildren and I never expected the love and kindness I was proud to be called her grandson her family became My family I was so happy to have her in my life always and forever I love u granny your grandson Eugene Summers (Ec)

Eugene Summers - February 26, 2020 at 09:53 PM