



Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington

September 20, 1942 - March 19, 2023

On September 20, 1942, Betty Louise Griffin Buffington was born to the late Pennington John Griffin, Sr. and Sueannie Burns Griffin. She was a joy and an additional blessing to her parents along with her siblings. On Sunday, March 19, 2023, God opened the gates of Heaven and welcomed Betty to come rest with Him in Eternity.

Betty accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a young age at Free Hope AME Church—and continued to exemplify this acceptance throughout her life's journey as a Woman of God, devout Christian, and servant of the Lord. She remained a faithful member after the merger of two churches presently known as Unity AME Church.

Betty worked in various capacities at church which included: YPD Director, Missionary President, Trustee, Steward Pro Temp, Choir Director, and Treasurer/Finance. She also had a divine gift of singing. When Betty sang, souls were stirred, hearts were warmed, and the good news of God's love was spread to everyone who was privileged to hear her go forth in this ministry.

She received her formal education at Free Hope School and Old Columbia High School, both located in Magnolia, Arkansas. Betty's work history was inclusive of a diverse base of employers. Two notable employers were Town House Motel and SWADCC.

Betty fell in love and married the love of her life, David Buffington, in 1959. To this union, three children were born: Edna, Charlotte, and Felicia. She later was able to share love and solid companionship with Tullis Harrell. With their union, a beautiful, blended family emerged, and Betty gained her bonus babies: Patricia, Dorothy, Ellen, and Rose Mary.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Pennington John Griffin, Sr., and Sueannie Burns Griffin; siblings: Earnest Griffin, Martha Ann Colvin, Lizzie B. McKinney, Irene Cooper, Johnnie B. Griffin, Bernice Walter, Ernestine Banks, Jeanette Lawrence, and Pennington John Griffin, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her three children: Edna (DeWayne) Hughes of Dallas, TX; Charlotte (James) Davis and Felicia Buffington, both of Magnolia, AR; bonus children: Patricia A. Harrel, Dorothy F. Hoskins, and Ellen Bell all of Kansas City, MO; and Rose Mary Cooper of Wichita, KS; grandchildren: Kasondra Graham and Labreshia Hughes of Dallas, TX; Shavanti (Walter) Morris and Scharlicia Sargent of Magnolia, AR; and Kamron Woods-Davis and Shaunta Miller of Little Rock, AR; great-grandchildren: Kenzel Bookman, Makenzie Reese, Makayla Graham, Kyla Miller, Chloe Miller, Casyn Miller, Devonte Dennis, Korecco Sargent, Kaleyah Sargent, Inari Morris, Jacorian Taylor, Serenity Walker, and Jayda Walker; great-great grandchild, Ryan Slaton; brother, Charles Griffin of Dallas, TX; sister, Ann Manning of Milwaukee, WI; brother-in-law, Paul Lawrence of Eldorado, AR; god-son, Oshae Minor; special friends: Vivian Henderson, Gladys Ross, and Paul Ross; and a host of nieces, nephew, other relatives, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, March 25th, 2023, at Unity A.M.E. Church in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Freehope Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral

Home, LLC. Rev. Arthur L. Coulter, Pastor/Officiant. Presiding Elder Kent Broughton, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, {Mar. 24th} from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

A final viewing will be held before services begin. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours.” However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

Cemetery Details

Free Hope Cemetery

Warnock Springs Road (Columbia Rd 61)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Unity Ame Church
466 Columbia Rd 38
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 234-3766

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Pamela Shaw - May 26, 2023 at 11:25 PM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Pamela Shaw - April 23, 2023 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Marvin Mallory - April 16, 2023 at 01:25 PM

GC

“ Sending condolences comfort and love to the family of Mrs. Buffington. GOD BLESS YOU ALL 🙏🕊️🕊️



Gwen Carter - March 25, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JW

“ Praying for the family God bless you'll love to the families

Joann Radford Whitaker - March 25, 2023 at 11:27 AM

CJ

“ Charles Lesa Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Charles Lesa Johnson - March 24, 2023 at 05:49 PM

BW

“ We are praying for the family of Sister Betty Buffington. God bless and keep you. Continue to look to the Hills for strength. Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - March 24, 2023 at 02:17 PM

YF

“ Your Conner Chapel AME Church Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington.



Your Conner Chapel AME Church Family - March 24, 2023 at 12:41 PM

MC

“ *Michael /Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Michael /Mary Clayton - March 24, 2023 at 08:34 AM

RK

“ *Renae King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Renae King - March 24, 2023 at 12:41 AM

LC

“ *Linette Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Linette Curry - March 23, 2023 at 09:21 PM

DD

“ *Diana Dunn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Diana Dunn - March 23, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *Ester Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Ester Easter - March 23, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington.*



March 23, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Marvin Mallory - March 23, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *John Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



John Jackson - March 23, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ms. Buffington! She was a beautiful spiritual singing lady, and to know her was to love her!*



Gwen O'Guinn - March 23, 2023 at 09:17 AM

NS

“ *Norrissa Sharp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Norrissa Sharp - March 23, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Condolences for Wyatt and Dianne Williamson
May God Bless your family*



Dianne Williamson - March 23, 2023 at 05:43 AM

B-

“ *The Mt. Vernon AME Church family sends our love and deepest sympathy to this family. May God bless and keep you is our prayer ❤️*



Brenda Yarbrough -Williams - March 23, 2023 at 12:16 AM

CC

“ *Cleora Claiborne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Cleora Claiborne - March 22, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *Shavone Aubrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Shavone Aubrey - March 22, 2023 at 06:06 PM

LM

My Prayers are with The Family 🙏 and I'm very sorry for the loss 🙏

Leon Manning - March 23, 2023 at 02:07 AM

MS

“ *Praying for strength Momma Betty you will be missed* 💔😭



Mary Strickland - March 22, 2023 at 05:26 AM

GJ

“ Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Gladys Talley Jones - March 22, 2023 at 04:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington.



March 22, 2023 at 02:21 AM

MW

“ I will forever be grateful that Mrs Buffington shared how she prayed for a long list of persons that asked her to pray. Rest well my missionary sister 🌸

Mary Wilsin - March 21, 2023 at 11:19 PM

CM

“ Cynthia Muldrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Cynthia Muldrow - March 21, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington.*



March 21, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Eula Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Eula Brown - March 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Eula Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Eula Brown - March 21, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Betty Chappel Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Betty Chappel Wright - March 21, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Tracy Jackson-Doss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Tracy Jackson-Doss - March 21, 2023 at 01:59 PM

AS

“ I am so sad to hear of Mrs. Betty's (Nanny) passing. She was a precious soul.

Amy Sisson

Amy Sisson - March 21, 2023 at 01:43 PM

AS

“ Arthur Louis Coulter, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Arthur Louis Coulter, Sr. - March 21, 2023 at 12:17 PM

RH

“ It saddened me to hear of Mrs. Betty's passing. She was a very sweet lady. Mrs. Betty sit with my mom when she was living. Mom loved her and so did we and was well pleased. My heartfelt condolences and sympathy to all of you. Sleep well sweet lady.



Regina Henderson - March 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ *Praying for Comfort and Strength*

Mildred Williams Morgan - March 21, 2023 at 12:17 AM

MM

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Buffington Family.*



Margie Moore - March 20, 2023 at 11:30 PM

MT

“ *Singing with the angels RIH*



Marlene Taylor - March 20, 2023 at 09:00 PM

MP

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.*



Mary S. Pickings - March 20, 2023 at 06:40 PM

RC

“ Reginald Curry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Reginald Curry - March 20, 2023 at 05:58 PM

OJ

“ Ollie Marie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Ollie marie jackson - March 20, 2023 at 11:03 AM

SH

“ Shun Hurd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Shun Hurd - March 20, 2023 at 10:38 AM

BH

“ Brenda Hanson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Brenda Hanson - March 20, 2023 at 10:16 AM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Gracie W Tucker - March 19, 2023 at 11:23 PM

GT

Prayers of comfort for the Buffington Family. As you prepare the homegoing services for your oved one, hopefully all the beautiful memories you made with her will help ease the pain. Betty has now joined P.J. singing in the heavenly choir with their melodious voices. They've got heaven rocking. We are not saying goodbye but see you later. Now you can sing for Jesus all day and all night. Rest in love Betty,

Gracie W Tucker - March 19, 2023 at 11:39 PM

SN

My condolences 🌸 are with you and your family i just love to hear sing 🎤 she will be missed on the fourth row of St.James AME Church 💜🙏
💜🙏🤔

Sheritha Noore - March 20, 2023 at 10:37 AM

YJ

“ Prayers for the family,



Yolanda Jones - March 19, 2023 at 10:03 PM

SB

“ *Praying for the family* ”



Stephanie Butler - March 19, 2023 at 09:51 PM

KG

“ *Sending my Condolences to the Family* 🙏 ”



kelly Gentry - March 19, 2023 at 09:22 PM

CJ

“ *Charles Lesa Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington* ”



Charles Lesa Johnson - March 19, 2023 at 07:47 PM

CJ

“ *Charles Lesa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington* ”



Charles Lesa Johnson - March 19, 2023 at 07:46 PM

GH

“ *Gwen Hardwelk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Gwen Hardwelk - March 19, 2023 at 07:19 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Cynthia Carter - March 19, 2023 at 07:16 PM


Jennifer
White

“ *Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Jennifer White - March 19, 2023 at 06:25 PM

DG

“ *Darlene Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Darlene Green - March 19, 2023 at 05:34 PM

VJ

“ Well Betty I have to say goodbye we want get to go to church together anymore God's speed



Vevelyn Jackson - March 19, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JG

“ Joann Glasgow sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Joann Glasgow - March 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Dearlean Hughes - March 19, 2023 at 04:23 PM

CC

“ Cleora Claiborne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington



Cleora Claiborne - March 19, 2023 at 03:58 PM

CC

“ *Christie Chappel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Christie Chappel - March 19, 2023 at 03:52 PM

OB

“ *Omie Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Omie Beasley - March 19, 2023 at 03:49 PM

LI

“ *Lisa Irvin-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Louise Buffington*



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - March 19, 2023 at 03:22 PM

JW

“ *Sending condolences to the family, praying for strength*

Joann Radford Whitaker - March 19, 2023 at 03:13 PM