

Pallbearers

Kenny Rumph Sr.
Jason Caldwell
Micheal Caldwell

Kenny Rumph Jr.
Horace Rumph
Dexter Jefferson

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Acknowledgments

The family of the late *Betty Jean Marshall* wishes to express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all who have extended love, support, and kindness during this season of sorrow. Your prayers, comforting words, and acts of compassion have brought us strength, peace, and solace during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love shown by our family, friends, and community. Your thoughtful gestures have been a source of comfort as we navigate the loss of our beloved Betty.

Although words can never fully express the depth of our gratitude, please know that every act of kindness and every prayer have meant more to us than you could ever imagine.

*With sincere appreciation, love, and gratitude,
~The Family~*

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Interment

Willow Lake Memorial
Gardens
1854 Willow Lake
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

IN LOVING
MEMORY

Betty Jean
MARSHALL

MARCH 19, 1945 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 3:00PM
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1101 EAST CHURCH STREET FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA

Remembering Betty

*"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8*

Betty Jean Marshall, affectionately known as “B.J.” to many and Ms. Betty to some was born March 19, 1945 in Tampa, Florida to the late Nathaniel and Gladys Jefferson. Betty lived her life marked by unwavering faith, a strong love for her family, and commitment to serving others.

Betty attended H.A. Hunt High School. In her younger years of life she met Walter L. Marshall and became his beautiful blushing bride. She gave her life to the Lord at a young age. For many years Betty attended Faith Temple in Fort Valley, Ga. In October 2022, she proudly joined Greater Love Community Church in Hawkinsville, GA in which her beloved son was the Founder and Lead Pastor.

Serving others came naturally and cooking was her passion. Betty graciously spread an outpouring of love, warmth and kindness towards her family and community, especially the children. She was known as the community mother. Mother Marshall was always ready to share a snack with any child that came to her front door. Her devotion to serve God and others led her to create the Greater Love Food Pantry Ministry.

As devoted Christian Mother Marshall constantly reminded her loved ones to “keep the faith”. Her faith was an important part of who she was, and she carried that spirit of love and encouragement throughout her life.

Mother Marshall peacefully transitioned to her eternal home on September 20, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Walter L. Marshall Sr., son Pastor Walter L. Marshall Jr., sisters Christine Rumph, Creasy Rumph, Barbara Ficklin, and Willie Mae Caldwell; and her brothers Ernest Jefferson Sr., Nathaniel Jefferson Jr. and David L. Jefferson Sr.

Mother Marshall leaves memories to be treasured along with her loving and caring daughter Sandra B. Marshall of Fort Valley, GA; daughter-in-law Mallerina Marshall of Kathleen, GA; and beloved grandchildren: Crystal (Travis) Germany of Conyers, GA, Brittany Marshall of Mableton, GA, James “Jay” Harris Jr. of Bonaire, GA, Bria Mathis of Fort Valley, GA, Ashley Houston of Atlanta, GA, Deon Sanders of Warner Robins, GA, and Jessica Marshall of Augusta, GA.

She is also lovingly remembered by her great grandchildren: Keaton Sanders Jr. of Atlanta, GA, Jasmine Harris of Warner Robins, GA, Amaiah Mathis of Fort Valley, GA, Princeton Houston of Atlanta, GA, Addisyn Henton of Fort Valley, GA, and Bailey Mathis of Fort Valley, GA.

Betty is also survived by three sisters: Marilyn Lester of Warner Robins, GA, Rosa Jefferson of Macon, GA, and Cheronne Booker of Douglasville, GA; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who loved her dearly.

Order of Service

Pastor Demetrice L. Wesley, Presiding

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Dexter Davis

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Donald J. Williams

New Testament.....Bishop Keith Woodson

PRAYER

Minister Danny McCrary

PROCLAMATION

The Honorable Mayor Shakeena B. Reeves

Mayor, City of Fort Valley, Georgia

REFLECTIONS

(Two Minutes Please)

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Dexter Davis

EULOGY

Pastor Demetrice L. Wesley

Shiloh Baptist Church

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POSTLUDE