

*Celebrating  
the Life and Legacy of*



SUNRISE: MAY 4, 1950

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SUNSET: DECEMBER 31, 2015

# *Betty Jean Dixon*

Service to be held:

**Saturday, January 9, 2016 † 11:00 A.M.**

**Roxanna Missionary Baptist Church**

874 N. Jackson Street • Rutledge, Alabama

**The Reverend Bruce Toney, Pastor Officiating**

**Reverend Darryl Matthews, Eulogist**

~ Interment ~

**Roxanna Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery**



# Betty's Bags

By Margarette Galloway, Forever a Sister

Folded carefully  
Commitment, Love, and Dedication  
Anyone could boast and brag  
That these were just some of the characteristics  
packed neatly in Soror Betty's Bag.

Betty's Bags had to be made of strong materials  
That could weather any storm....  
She kept them jammed packed with so much  
Personality, love and charm.

One tiny bag was packed  
With a dish of which she was very pleased.  
She developed a culinary skill  
And mastered the art of cooking black eyed  
peas.

Soror Betty kept a red bag  
That captured the hours in her day.  
She labored endlessly and tirelessly  
For the sake of NSPDK.

In one big bag was a valued possession  
That Soror Betty specifically chose.  
Nationally recognizing and embracing  
The men in our lives, the NSPDK Anthropes.

One of Betty's biggest bags  
Was filled with joy, laughter and harmony.  
She embraced and kept it closest to her heart  
Her Rock, Her Support, Her loving family!

Soror Betty accepted nothing less than  
perfection.  
And was never second to none.  
She used her anointed visions  
As Chief Editor of the Krinon. (1997-2001)

Scripting with precision is difficult  
When recording what is being discussed.  
Soror Betty used her exceptional writing skills  
As our Supreme Grammateus. (2001-2003)

Soror Betty's bag had some tools  
That gave our membership a big plus.  
Which she encouraged and promoted  
As our 2<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Anti-Basileus (2003-2009)

Soror Betty was all about growth  
It grew as tall as Jack's bean stalk.  
She authored and published a guide for membership  
That chapters used called, "Straight Talk"

Betty strategically mapped out a long term plan  
To become the leader of all the PDK chapters  
And successfully became the Supreme Basileus  
of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa.  
(2009-2013)

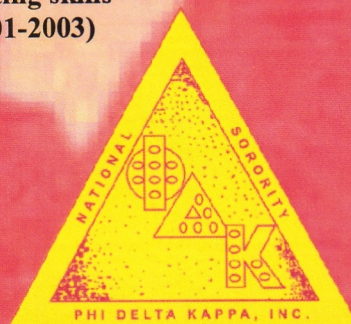
A dedicated national officer for 22 years  
Made her more knowledgeable and wiser.  
She was currently serving from 2013 til now  
As our National Executive Advisor.

Yes, Soror Betty had many bags.  
Some were really stuffed and others not as much.  
They were always packed with the right tools.  
For all the lives she touched.

On her journey now,  
Soror Betty carries no heavy bags.  
They've been emptied and are now rather light.  
You see, GOD has taken all of her wonderful services  
And packed them into HIS Golden Samsonite.

GOD, personally, checked in Betty's Bags  
At Heavenbound Airport, terminal #3  
God tells Betty, "This is not American Airlines,  
There are no baggage fees."

You have been a faithful and loving servant.  
You have satisfied my every request.  
Your family and sorors will remember your bags.  
Come now with me and rest.





# ~ Order of Service ~

Reverend Bruce Toney, Officiating



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL....."Final Viewing".....Soft Music

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE.....Crenshaw County Community Choir

INVOCATION.....Reverend Bruce Toney

SCRIPTURES:

PSALMS.....Reverend Delma Holley, Jr.

GOSPEL.....Reverend Ben Matthews

EPISTLE.....Reverend Johnny Lowery

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE.....Crenshaw County Community Choir

EXPRESSIONS.....Reverend Frederick Lowery

FAMILY RESOLUTION.....Mrs. Candace Knighten Moore

MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....Ms. Glenda Dixon

RESOLUTION "WAHS Class of 1969".....Mrs. Brenda Lowery Bryant

OBITUARY....."Read Silently".....Soft Music

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Mrs. Felicia Darby

TRIBUTE.....Ms. Margarette Galloway  
National First Vice-President - Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....Mrs. Felicia Darby

EULOGY.....Reverend Darryl Matthews

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE.....Crenshaw County Community Choir

RECESSIONAL







# ~ Betty's Story ~



## THE BEGINNING

Betty Jean Dixon was born to the marriage union of John Wesley Dixon and Alberta Dixon on May 4, 1950. She was the tenth child of a family of twelve children.

## THE SPIRITUAL ACCEPTANCE & GROWTH

Betty was reared in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age. She joined the Roxanna Missionary Baptist Church, Rutledge, Alabama and was very active. She continued her Christian walk as a member of The First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

## THE EDUCATION

Betty was educated in the Crenshaw County Public School System and graduated from Woodford Avenue High School in Luverne, Alabama as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1969. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama on December 8, 1972. She

completed her Masters of Education Degree and Administrative Specialist and Superintendent Licensures from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

## THE EDUCATOR

Betty began her career as an educator teaching business education in Talladega and Alexander City, Alabama. After moving to Cleveland she continued classroom instructions, with leadership responsibilities, as department chair for twenty years. She later became a central office administrator for Warrensville Heights City School System serving as Curriculum Intervention Teacher (1999-2000), Mentoring Specialist (2000-2001), Staff Development Coordinator (2001-2004), Director of Accountability and Staff Development (2004-2009) for a total of fifteen years. She retired in 2009. From 2014 until her death she was employed with The Ohio Department of Education as a Consultant for the State Diagnostic Review Team.

## THE HONORS – AWARDS – AFFILIATIONS

During Betty's many years as an educator and her pursuit for excellence in the profession, she received many honors and awards which included the following: She was elected the 24<sup>th</sup> National President of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. She served a four-year term commencing July 2009 through July 2013. Upon her election she charged all members of the 137 chapters across the United States to use the vision statement as a measuring stick to excite their imagination and give a surge of energy to carry out the sorority's mission and implement the three-point program, Y.E.S. – Youth, Education, and Service. Before being elected National President, she served the organization as national second vice president, national recording secretary, and editor-in-chief of *The Krinon Magazine* as well as many leadership roles in Midwest Region and several roles in her local chapter, Gamma Rho. Other awards: Interesting Personalities of Who's Who in Black Cleveland, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition; and front cover feature of Who's Who in Black Cleveland, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Her other affiliations included Delta Phi Epsilon Business Society, Delta Zeta Chapter and NAACP Silver Life member.

## THE SUNSET

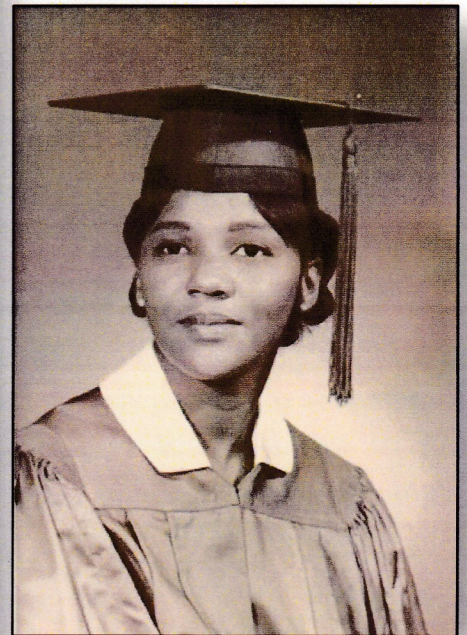
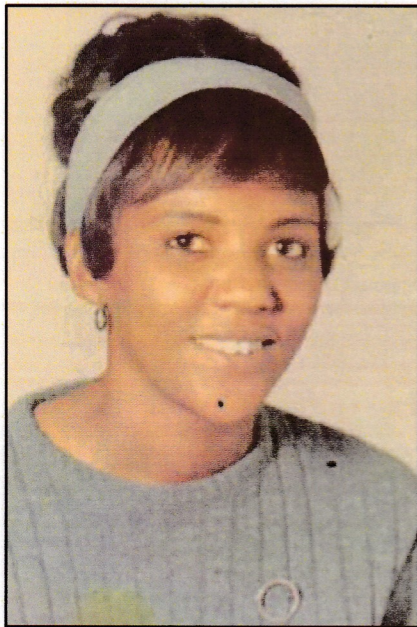
On December 31, 2015, at 4:30 a.m. Almighty God dispatched His angels to Betty's bedside and summoned her to come home and rest. And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, "Write blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labor, and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13



## THE LEGACY

Upon her death, Betty has joined her father, John Wesley Dixon; her mother, Alberta Dixon; brothers, Willie, Bobby, John, (Joe L. & Jay L. deceased infants 1946); A special niece, Brenda Jackson and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends in the home that God provided for his children.

Among those left to cherish the memories of her life are: *her sisters*, Nellie (Joseph) Parham, Luverne, AL; Ruby (Freddie) Jones, Rutledge, AL; and Mary Dixon, Luverne, AL; *her brothers*, Billy (Girseal) Dixon, Youngstown, OH; and Henry Dixon, Fort Pierce, FL; *her nieces and nephews*, Glenda, Linda, David, Martinez, Jennifer, Ivan, Danieta, Roderick, Trenton, Adrienne, JoAnn, Joe Wayne, Rondalyn, Keisha, Henry, Sonya, Christopher, Tara, Nicholas, Letoria, Eddie, Gerald, Candace and Shannon; *her great nieces and nephews*, twenty-nine; *her aunts*, Sammie Mae Moneyham, Luverne, AL; Earlene Christian, Glenwood, AL; Annie Huffman, Pittsburgh, PA; and Channie Dixon, Rutledge, AL; *her uncle*, Jimmy Lee Dixon, Luverne, AL; *a special friend*, Joe Staton, Seattle, WA; *God sister and mentor*, Yvonne Noble, Luverne, AL; *three endeared and devoted friends*, Brenda Lowery Bryant, Carolyn Hampton and Johnnie Washington Moore; *and many cousins, sorors, classmates and friends.*



# Special Memories







### ***“Our Sister, Our Friend”***

*To us you are an angel in disguise.  
Full of intuition, intelligent, and wise.  
Always giving and helping through  
good times and bad.  
You are the best friend we've ever had.  
If we had one wish it would surely be  
to give you as much as you've given to us.  
Though we've put our relationship through  
some cloudy days,  
You've been our sunshine in so many ways.  
Through trials and tests, right by us you stood,  
And gave us your hand whenever you could.  
Thank you so much our sister, our friend,  
our gratitude for you has no end.*



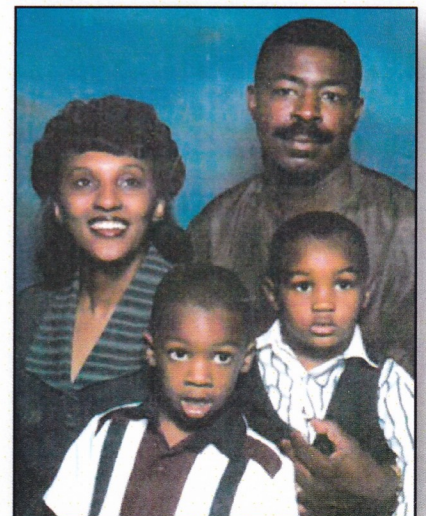
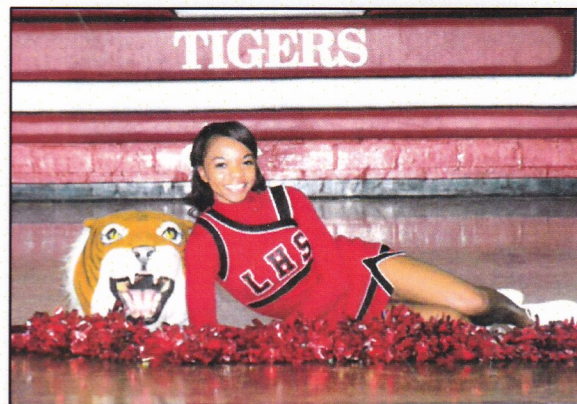




*Dear Auntie Betty,*

*I know you are watching over me. You will forever be my Guardian Angel. Auntie Betty you were a fabulous, beautiful, and very wise woman. The memories we have together will remain in my heart. You were my friend, my mom, and my auntie. I would like to thank you for all the things you did for me. My life will never be the same without you. You touched my heart and many others. I will never forget you Auntie Betty. So until we meet again, I love you with all my heart.*

*~ Love, Lexie*







Pallbearers

Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Class of 1969

Flower Bearers

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.  
and Nieces

Honorary Flower Bearers

Class of 1969

Repast

Roxanna Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

~ Acknowledgments ~

We the family of the late **Betty Jean Dixon** would like to thank each of you for all the acts of kindness shown during the death of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

~ The Family

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