



## Mrs. Bettye Victoria Anthony

April 2, 1939 - February 23, 2015

Bettye Victoria Hawkins Anthony was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on April 12, 1939 to the union of the late Rubye Belle Bayman Hawkins and John Wesley Hawkins. Bettye was the fifth of seven children.

In 1953, Bettye moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She became a student at Milwaukee's North Division High School and graduated in 1956. She also attended Milwaukee Area Technical College and received training in office procedures. Her first job was working in the office of the late Deacon Glen W. Brown's Oil Company. She was also employed as a server at Roth's Food House. Bettye spent the remaining years of her career at the Milwaukee County Hospital. In her 38 years at the hospital she held various positions: Nurse's Aide, Ward Clerk, Family Health Worker, Clerical Supervisor for the Outpatient Clinics and HMO Coordinator. She officially retired in April 1994. Bettye was the wife of the late Willie Lee Anthony and to this union two daughters were

born, Alexis [o and Audra Celeste. She was the proud grandmother (Danna) of TaChan-drae' ShaNiqua Anthony-Turner and Andre' Deville Turner, Jr.

At an early age Bettye became an active Christian soldier in the Baptist church and upon her arrival in Milwaukee in October of 1953; she immediately united with the Mount Zion

Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Rev. T. T. Lovelace. As a member of

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Bettye worked and served in various ministries:

Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Youth Department, Ushers Board and Trustee

Board. She was also a member of the Mt. Zion Radio Troubadours and the Zionites Choir.

Bettye spent a lot of time as a member of the Mission Department working with the senior women of the church, visiting the sick, and working to clothe and feed those in need.

In 1985, Bettye and her family moved their membership to Greater Mount Zion Mission-

ary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. W. J. Calvin. She continued her

Christian work as a Financial Secretary, General Mission President, Church Clerk, Histo-

rian, and Dean of Christian Leadership School.

Her passion to serve the Lord did not stop with the church; she was an active member

and supporter of the following Christian Organizations:

- Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, Inc. Parent Body, Financial Secretary

under the leadership of Dr. F. L. Crouther and Recording Secretary under the leadership

of Dr. Robert T. Wilson, Sr.

- Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, Inc. Woman's Auxiliary, First

Vice

President under the leadership of Ms. Gloria Harris

- Central District Association Woman's Auxiliary, Vice President- at-Large under the leadership of Ms. Gloria Harris
- United Ushers of Wisconsin, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Young Adult Department Counselor
- National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.,  
- Young Adult Department Counselor

Bettye was an avid worker in the civic and political arena. She served with passion and zeal as an Election Inspector and as a Chief Election Inspector for the City of Milwaukee Election Commission. She served on the Board of Directors of the North Central YMCA as a regular supporter of the Partner of Youth program. After retirement, Bettye was a volunteer greeter and escort at her former employer John Doyne Hospital (Milwaukee County Hospital). Also, in her retirement she worked as a senior mentor in the First Time Juvenile Offender Program through the V E. Carter Development Center. For over 20 years, she worked through the legal aid society as a legal guardian for those who had no family to ensure that they were receiving the proper care in nursing homes or the group homes. Bettye attended the Bethesda Senior Center and served as a board member of their Board of Directors. Her other civic and social work includes being active in the following organizations:

- Eastern Stars
- Interfaith Ambassadors
- Mary Church Terrell Club - Recording Secretary
- Milwaukee Chapter of the Amicae (Friends of Zeta Phi Beta) - Past President
- Toastmasters
- Webb Alumni Association-Milwaukee Chapter -Vice President

Bettye was also a passionate bowler, until she was no longer able to participate.

On, February 23, 2015, Bettye made a peaceful transition from this world, in the presence of God and loved ones at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John Wesley and Rubye Belle Hawkins; her husband, Willie L. Anthony; brothers, John Harold and Robert Lawrence; sisters, Geneva Hudson and Thelma (Pat) Conley; nieces, Harriet Ann Cook, Jerri Jean Hawkins, and Zeta Cook; nephews, Derwin Hawkins, Robert Lawrence Hawkins, II, Eric Hawkins, Ronald Conley and Artis Hawkins; and a sister-in-law, Goldier Hawkins; and brothers-in-law, Willie G. Conley, Sr. and Donald Moore.

She leaves to cherish her memory daughters, Alexis [o (Alvin) McKinnie, Audra Celeste (Tyrone) Hilliard of Milwaukee, WI; two grandchildren, TaChandrae' Shaiqua Anthony-Turner of Las Vegas, NV and Andre' Develle Turner, Jr. of Milwaukee, WI; one brother, Charles A. (Cornelia) Hawkins of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Wesley Jean Moore of Palmdale, CA and Ann Brown of Milwaukee, WI; and sister-in-law, Linda Hawkins of Chicago, IL; two goddaughters, Catherine Beard and Tamika Johnikin both of Milwaukee, WI and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends

### PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of

righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow

of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou  
anointest my  
head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the  
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
2479 N. Sherman Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
2479 N. Sherman Ave  
Milwaukee, WI



# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Our beloved Mother and Grandmother was a beautiful woman and we will miss her dearly. She will forever remain in our hearts. We thank God for all the wonderful memories that we were blessed to have. Please continue to pray for our family. We light a candle in her memory. Love her Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grandchildren.



The Anthony Family - March 27, 2015 at 09:28 AM

MC

“ Lighting a candle in honor of your loved one. Sending Prayers of Strength and Comfort to the family!!  
Peace and Blessings from The Caldwell/  
Thomas Family in Milwaukee. GOD BLESS.



Ms. Terry Caldwell Cosby - March 06, 2015 at 09:27 PM

SJ

“ S Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Victoria Anthony



s johnson - March 06, 2015 at 04:31 PM

SJ

“ To the family of Bettye Anthony.  
Bettye was a wonderful person who would share anything she had with her friends and family. Bettye considered me her daughter. I learned so much just spending time with her. She enjoyed helping people and devoted her life to working in Greater Mount Zion church. I love Bettye. She will be missed.

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*Love, Sandra Johnson-Odems*

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**s johnson** - March 06, 2015 at 04:30 PM

FM

“ To the Family of Bettye Anthony,  
We the Hightower, Coleman, McClendon and William family sends you and your family our deepest condolences.  
Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.  
Love Felecia McClendon and Family

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**Felecia McClendon** - March 06, 2015 at 03:04 PM

FD

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Hawkins-Anthony Family: We wish our words could bring you joy during your moments of sadness but we know our words can only say to you "we care". But. please find solace in these words "Earth has no sorrow, that Heaven cannot heal" and find comfort in the memories of your loved one, as rests in the arms of Our Father. I will surely miss the early morning conversations Bettye and I shared.

*Florance Dudley-Hess & Family  
Milwaukee, WI*

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**Florance Dudley-Hess** - February 25, 2015 at 06:50 AM