In Remembrance of Our Beloved

Betty Jean Roland

Sunrise
July 5, 1949

Sunset
April 24, 2019

Monday, May 6, 2019
Family Hour 10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral 11:00 a.m.
Oak Grove AME Church ~ 19801 Cherrylawn Ave. Detroit, MI 48221
Dr. Robert Brumfield, Officiating
Obituary of Betty Jean Roland

Betty Jean Roland was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 5, 1949 to Bennic and Etta Lockett. Betty was the 3rd of eight children.

Betty accepted Christ at an early age. She loved the Lord and was a devoted member of Oak Grove AME Church.

Betty united in holy matrimony to Wesley Roland and to this union two children were born, daughter, Tiffany Roland and son, Rahsaah Roland.

Betty was educated in the Detroit Public School System graduating from Northwestern High School. She continued her education earning a B.A. degree in criminal justice from Mercy College.

Betty worked as a teller at the National Bank of Detroit, as an administrative assistant at Highland Park General, an office clerk at Highland Park Treasurers Office. Betty became a Detroit Police Officer in 1975. She worked as a patrol officer, in the gang squad, as an undercover cop in vice, a sergeant in the narcotics unit where she was nicknamed “wheels.” She also worked in communications and control. Betty retired in April of 2007. She was later employed through Wackenhut Security through the Southfield Police Department processing prisoners. Betty was very outspoken and a women of intense strength, energy, and fortitude. She was a breast cancer survivor fighting all the way.

Betty loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Some of Betty’s outside activities included an enthusiastic love of reading, she was a African American Historian, political enthusiast, sports fanatic, and a “black lives matter” advocate. Betty also enjoyed walking, traveling, cooking and let’s not forget shopping.

Betty made her transition into her Heavenly Father’s arms on April 24, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents; Bennic and Etta Lockett, three sisters; Barbara Ann McCarty, Brenda Jean Miller and Bonnie Jean Dove.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Tiffany Roland; son, Rahsaah (Keri) Roland; three sisters, Beverly of Lansing, Michigan; Benita (Essex) of Warren, Michigan; Marlene of Atlanta, Georgia; one brother Benson (Tanishka) of Auburn Hills, Michigan; six grandchildren, Justin Biles, Jordan Roland, Juan Biles, Jr., Ryan Roland, Jaiden Biles, and Destiny Barnes; three great grandchildren, Aiden Davis, Kennedy Biles, and Gracien Biles; best friends for life, Theresa Penson, Lorraine Bell, Barbara Hopson and JoAnn Lundy, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.

She is clothed in strength & dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25
Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture  
Jonathan M. Wynne

Prayer of Comfort  
Jonathan M. Wynne

Song  
“Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgments & Condolences  
Ryan Caudillo

Reading of the Obituary  
Ryan Caudillo

Remarks  
(2 minutes please)

Selection  
Earlene Griffin

Eulogy  
Rev. Dr. Darren K. Penson
Mt. Calvary AME Church

Recessional  
“Trouble of the World”

Organ Postlude
For My Family

Look for Me in the Rainbow

Time for me to go now,
I won’t say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows,
way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all
the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you
know I loved you.
Time for me to leave you,
I won’t say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows,
high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me,
and I’ll be close to you.
It won’t be forever,
the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.
Time for us to part now, we won’t say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.
Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
C.W. Morris - J.W. Henry Funeral Home
12700 Hamilton Ave.
Highland Park, MI 48203
(313) 868-3500

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The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

Pallbearers
Larry Lockett
Jerel Lockett
D’Juan Lockett
Terry Lockett
Raymond Caudillo
Ryan Caudillo
Bennie Lockett

Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family

Repast
Immediately following the service at Oak Grove AME Church