



Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso

July 17, 1940 - March 21, 2024

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It was July 17, 1940 when Bettie made her debut into the small town of Spiro, Oklahoma. She was the sixth child to Rev. William Henry and Jo Erma Housley. At the tender age of three, Bettie's journey took a momentous turn when she and her family made Flint, Michigan their home. She was a resident of the close-knit historical St. John Street community. It was this community and its resilient spirit that shaped Bettie into the remarkable person she became, and it is here, within its embrace, that she lived a vibrant and impactful life for eight decades.

Bettie's formative years were marked by her time at Central High School, where she not only received her education but also cultivated lifelong friendships and a strong sense of community. After graduating, Bettie embarked on a fulfilling career as a transcriber at Hurley Medical Center, dedicating over 20 years to serving others and making a difference in the lives of those around her. Upon retiring from Hurley in 1984, Bettie embraced what she thought would be a quieter phase of life, but her unshakeable spirit had other plans. Not one to idle away her newfound freedom, she soon found herself back in the workforce as a seasonal receptionist with H&R Block. What initially began as a way to stay active and engaged quickly blossomed into a pivotal role within the organization. Bettie swiftly transitioned from receptionist to supervising and training all receptionists in the area.

Bettie discovered love's sweet song for the second time with her beloved Juan, embarking on a soulful journey that would span over four decades. Their love of travel and shared passion for exploration was only matched by their dedication to their faith. During their later years, you could find them sitting together and singing old gospel tunes. Their love story was a symphony of joy, companionship, and shared dreams. Bettie and Juan proved that love knows no boundaries and that life can be an endless adventure when shared with your soulmate.

Born a preacher's kid, Bettie accepted Christ at an early age embarking on a spiritual journey that would prove to be a vibrant testimony to the power of God's love, and unshakeable faith. Among her many passions, Bettie found profound joy and connection in worship. Her spirit soared in praise, and her heart was most at home lifted in song to the Lord, a practice that sustained her. During the unprecedented times of the pandemic, when many found themselves isolated and traditional places of worship were momentarily out of reach, Bettie discovered her spiritual home at The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Flint's "Praise in the Parking Lot", where she could continue her worship and fellowship even in the most challenging times.

Bettie was a beacon of kindness in the lives of all who knew her, remembered

for her gentle spirit, boundless compassion, and the warmth of her embrace. She lived a life characterized by an unwavering dedication to caring for others. Her heart, always the first to give and the last to take, was a sanctuary for many. She possessed the unique ability to see the good in everyone and everything, making her presence a source of comfort and joy.

And then the smile....bright and infectious. Bettie's smile could light up the darkest of rooms, drawing people towards her with its sincerity and warmth. She had the rare gift of making every individual she met feel truly seen, heard, and loved. Her smile was not just an expression of her happiness but a reflection of the love and positivity she wished to spread in the world.

Bettie embraced life with open arms, facing challenges with grace and always finding reasons to be thankful. Her actions, driven by love and kindness, have left an indelible mark on the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known her.

The legacy continues with: husband, Juan Ayuso of Stockton, CA.; daughter, Chinetha Gibbs of Bloomington, IL; bonus daughters, Juanita (Gary) Lazer and Azzie Smith of Stockton, CA.; bonus son; Juan Ayuso Jr. of Oakdale, CA.; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sisters, Stella Malone of Crawford, MS., Loretta Cannon of Flint, MI.; sister-in-law, Mary Housley of Flint, MI.; brother-in-law, Felipe Ayuso of, Powder Springs, GA.; best friend for over 60 years, Mary Swims of Jackson, TN.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bettie was preceded in death by her parents, William Henry and Jo Erma Housley; bonus mom, Pearl Housley; son, Dondi Gibbs; sisters, Veola Blakley, Della Wells and Nadine March; brothers, Billy Housley, Albert Housley and Samuel Housley; mother-in-law, Felicita Gonzalez; sister-in-law, Maria Sanders; brother-in-laws, George Blakley, Homer Wells, Emmitt March, Jesse Cannon, Salvadore Gonzalez and David Ayuso.

Special thanks to Linda Wells, Elaine Vaughn, Shelia Diltz, Kathy Moore, Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Moore Sr. and The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Flint.

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
2120 Saginaw St
Flint, MI 48505-4222
(810) 785-6271

Funeral Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
2120 N. Saginaw Street
48505, MI

Tribute Wall

KE

“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Praying with and for you. Kelly family*



Kelly's - April 13, 2024 at 03:54 AM

KM

“ *Thanks for sharing her with me .Her smile of pure sunshine will forever be a remembrance of unconditionally Love .*



Kathy Moore - April 07, 2024 at 01:26 AM

CF

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Auntie Louise and family during this difficult time. Rest in heaven*



Cherry Malone Marshall and family - April 06, 2024 at 08:47 AM

SE

“ *Shirley Edwards-Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Shirley Edwards-Jackson - April 05, 2024 at 10:08 PM

GB

“ *Continuously Praying for you and your family.
My sincere condolences.*



Gail Bowman-Cuba - April 05, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JH

“ *Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Janice Holbrook - April 05, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



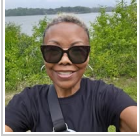
James and Lisa Blakley - April 04, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MC

“ *Melvin Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Melvin cotton - April 04, 2024 at 06:53 AM



“ *Phylize Oliver-Latham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Phylize Oliver-Latham - April 03, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DH

“ *Dorothy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Dorothy Harvey - April 03, 2024 at 01:53 PM

SH

“ *Sam Dorothy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Sam Dorothy Harvey - April 03, 2024 at 01:52 PM

WB

“ *Willie Bickley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Willie Bickley - April 03, 2024 at 12:35 PM

EV

“ *Elaine Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Elaine vaughn - April 01, 2024 at 07:34 PM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Diane Williams - March 30, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MW

“ *Mary A. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Mary A. Williams - March 30, 2024 at 03:40 PM

DO

“ *Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Ayuso*



Deloris Odom - March 29, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JG

“ *Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Jeanette Grady - March 29, 2024 at 01:16 AM

LP

“ *My condolences to the family and friends.*



LP - March 29, 2024 at 01:14 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Jean Durrett - March 28, 2024 at 11:14 PM

JB

“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



James and Lisa Blakley - March 28, 2024 at 07:20 PM

HW

“ *To Juan and the rest of the family. We offer our deepest condolences Bettie was a beautiful person. She had such a beautiful smile and always a word of encouragement.*

Herbert and Linda Winfrey - March 28, 2024 at 12:35 AM

TM

“ *Beautiful gentle soul.
Always kind and always wore a smile*



Theresa Miller - March 27, 2024 at 10:30 PM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Bettie Gean Ayuso*



Nellie Bacon - March 27, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BK

“ *Take your rest godmother. Chinetha may Father GOD surround you
with His peace, comfort and love. Betty Pringle-Knapp*

Betty Knapp - March 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM