



Mrs. Bennie Lee Carter

October 30, 1940 - January 16, 2017

In Loving Memory Of Bennie Lee Carter"

Bennie Lee Montgomery was born on October 30, 1940 to the union of Vernell and Benjamin Montgomery in Rayford, Florida. In her youth, the family relocated to Detroit, Michigan. She was educated in the Detroit Public School system throughout high school.

She accepted Christ at an early age and later went on to teach Sunday School at New Light Baptist Church.

In the late 1960's, Bennie married Leroy Watson. The pair had four children before his passing in 1972. In the 1980's, she married John Carter. Before his passing in 1993, twins were born to this union.

Bennie worked as a homemaker. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and wonderful cook. She enjoyed playing music, gardening, watching the soaps and laughing at the antics of her family.

Bennie transitioned from life on January 16, 2017.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Family Hour

Thursday, Jan. **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Light Baptist Church
5240 W. Chicago
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

Thursday, Jan. **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bennie Lee Carter*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Bill, Irene, and Cynthia,
I am so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet woman and has always greeted me with her warm spirit from the day I met her. May God grant your family with the comfort and strength during this difficult time. I hope to see you all soon.
Love Always,
Shannon*

Shannon Humphrey - January 25, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ *Mamie Parker Smith lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Bennie Lee Carter*



Mamie Parker Smith - January 25, 2017 at 04:38 PM

MS

“ Dearest Irene & Family,

It is with immense solace and comfort that I extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Irene, I was your first grade teacher and as I span my thoughts of your mother, Dear Bennie, I retain the fondest of memories. You were your mother's fruit and indeed she bestowed upon you the importance of humility, hard work and most importantly the virtues attributed only to God loving women. You are indeed her signature of a life fulfilled. Over 41 years of teaching children throughout the metropolitan area, never did I meet such a committed and dedicated mother. Bennie, an actively engaged parent went beyond the scope of your needs within the context of the classroom. My frequent visits to your home came about by my unique respect for her desires for you. Often I witnessed her well prepared and balanced meals . . . and she always offered me a place at your table and I thoroughly enjoyed her culinary delights, but even more, I enjoyed discussing her dreams for you.

Bennie was an extraordinary mother! As you pursued your professional path in life, your mother rightfully noted your benchmarks of success and milestones of accomplishments as any proud mother. Long-lasting was our kinship that she often telephoned me with updates about your most recent life accomplishments. Rare was Bennie among a host of other parents I have engaged throughout my years of teaching.

Irene, I say to you now as your very first teacher in life. Continue your graceful progression in life holding steadfast to your mother's memory. . . . But dear heart, grieve not rather find strength in what remains behind. Yours was a glorious mother, friend, relative and neighbor. Exalt all that she demonstrated and passed onto you. It is in those sacred mother/daughter memories that you will find your peace and solace. She is most proud of you and for that you have given her the greatest gift of all!

Jacqueline Kennedy once stated, "If you fail at raising your child, nothing else in life really matters."

Because of you Irene, your mother lived a gloriously fulfilled life and her life mattered!

Ms. Parker is always here for you sweetie.

*I Love you Dearly, God Bless
Mamie Parker - Smith*

Mamie Parker Smith - January 25, 2017 at 04:36 PM