

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

Betty

THERESA SEDGWICK

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 27, 1933 | SUNSET: JUNE 28, 2023

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Viewing: 10AM | **Celebration of Life:** 11AM

From the Heart Church Ministries®
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn
"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Pastor Daniel Cook, Family Friend
Life Changing Faith Christian Church,
Charles Henderson, Jr., Nephew
Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr., Son

Poem

Carter D. Sedgwick, Great Grandson

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation
FTH Psalmist

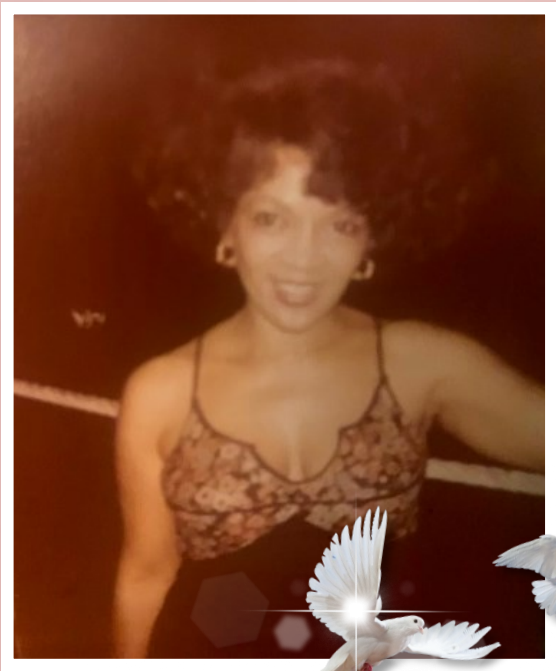
Message of Hope
Minister Vance Page

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, Maryland 20722



REMEMBERING BETTY


Betty Theresa Sedgwick entered peacefully into eternal rest surrounded by her immediate family at her home in Fort Washington, Maryland, on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Betty was born on October 27, 1933, in Washington, D.C., to the late Fitzhugh and Mabel Estelle White. She was the second youngest of nine children. She had a full inspirational life of 89 years and fulfilled her God given purpose.

Betty, affectionately known as "Baby Sis", was raised in the Anacostia area of Washington, D.C., surrounded by a devoted and loving Christian family. She embraced Christ at an early age and along with her family attended Bethlehem Baptist Church. Betty was educated in the District of Columbia Public School system; she was a Dunbar Senior High School Alumna. During her adult years, she attended Federal City College where she received her teaching assistant certification and additional college credits.

Shortly after graduating from high school in 1952, Betty married her teenage sweetheart, Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Sr. To this union three children: Lawrence Jr., Darryl, and Andrea. For the next 15 years, she was a caring shepherd watching over her flock of children, always protecting, guiding, educating, and inspiring with a great touch of motherly charm.

In 1968, Betty began her professional career as a Teacher Aide at Savoy Elementary School in District of Columbia, specializing in serving students who had learning disabilities. In 1972, she was hired as a Federal Government employee with the Department of Interior as a Management Analyst and honorably served in this agency until 1981. She advanced to another federal agency, General Services Administration (GSA) and performed as an Executive Administrative Assistant. Over the course of her employment with both agencies, she was an exemplary employee who accumulated many awards, citations, and certificates. Betty retired from the General Services Administration on January 3, 1997, with more than 25 years of dedicated federal service. Subsequently, she then returned to her lifelong passion of educating our county youth working as a Teacher Aide for 10 years in the Prince George's County Public School system at Rose Valley and Oxon Hill Elementary Schools.

Moreover, Betty always had a servant's heart and in 1986, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries. She was actively involved in the life of the church, faithfully serving in the Helps Ministry and From the Heart Christian School, until her health declined. Sister Sedgwick took great pride in serving her church and community in every way.



Betty was truly a people person. She had a tremendous love for her family, friends and had a lot of people who cared about her. Socializing with all of her sisters, attending family functions, entertaining, dancing, and traveling brought her much delight. She was very proud of the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren both personally and professionally.

A sharp dresser, Betty had a keen eye for high fashion and design, with an impeccable taste in clothes, furniture, and decor. She was a woman of value and virtue, the epitome of beauty and strength.

In her spare time, she was an accomplished seamstress designing apparel for herself, family and friends. In the family, we all remember, the fashionable Homecoming and Prom dresses she made for her nieces. Another longtime interest of hers was working as a self-employed entrepreneur selling her Mary Kay cosmetic products.

In her Fort Washington community, was known as an avid gardener and an original member of the Neighborhood Watch. She possessed a generous spirit deeply rooted in stalwart confidence and purposeful commitment.

Betty was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy Henderson and Mabel Everett; brothers, Eugene, Fitzhugh Jr., and Stanley White; two grandsons, Lawrence H. Sedgwick, III and Darryl K. Sedgwick, Jr. and great grandson, Kyree Duvall.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her beloved children, Lawrence, Jr. (Veronica), Darryl and Andrea; her sisters, Ruby Madison and Shirley Hall; three adoring grandchildren, Darryl Dewayne Sedgwick, Erin Duvall and Brandon Flowers; ten great-grandchildren; devoted nieces, nephews, favorite cousin, Edith Tillman; lifelong friend, Gloria Trueheart and a host of other relatives and friends.

Betty will be always remembered, dearly missed and forever loved.



F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S



A MOTHER'S CROWN

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down.

Today the Lord was placing the jewels into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown, as my darling mother looked on.

He said in His gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.'

'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone,

For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home.'

'For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down.

For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown.'

'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your child in the right way.

For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today.'

'For always being right there, through all life's important events.

I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent.'

'For untying the strings that held them, when they grew up and left home.

I give you this one for courage.' Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

'I'll place a stone of amethyst,' He said. 'For all the times you spent on your knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children, and then for having faith in Me.'

'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'

'And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love whether they were big or small.'

'It was your love that helped them grow feeling safe and happy and

A love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud.'

After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said, 'Your crown is now complete,
You've earned your place in Heaven with your children at your feet.'

With Love Always, Your Children,
Lawrence, Jr., Darryl and Andrea





TO MOTHER FROM DAUGHTER

Momma, words can not describe how much I love you and miss you. They say time will heal me, but time will never take away the memories I have with you. I look around the house and I don't see you anymore but I know you are with me. Death changes everything and time changes nothing. I miss the sound of your voice, your funny remarks, and your presence.

Gone are the days we shared but in my heart you will always be there. I will never forget the time we shared together. Momma, you were more than my mother. You were my best friend!

Remember what I always told you that I will never leave you and I will always be right by your side. I will forever continue your loving legacy. Until we meet again!

I Love You Momma, Andrea



TO MY MOMMA

When I look at you,
I see strength, beauty, grace and love like
I have never seen before.
Nothing ever kept your light from shining
bright with hope and faith.

You were everything
good to me and always caring.
And there was never a day when
I was not proud of my
Momma and when I didn't
love you with all my heart!

REST IN PEACE, MOMMA!

Your Loving Son, Darryl



FOR MY SPECIAL GRANDMA

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And said, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Your Loving Grandson,
Darry D. Sedgwick





Grandma,

The bond we shared was special. I can remember you teaching me how to read by giving me the newspaper. Studying with me in the evenings in the first grade for the black history competition. In high school, you took me to get my learners permit and my drivers license. As an adult when I quit my job to go back to art school, you were right there helping to put me through.

We spent a lot of time in the yard, planting flowers every spring, putting down mulch, cutting the grass, you made sure to let me know where I missed and to get it with the trimmer. Doing things the right way was something important to you, and later in life I pride myself in just that. You taught me a lot, from making up my bed before you leave the house, opening the blinds to "let God's light in", not leaving dishes in the sink. So many countless things I live by today were instilled by you. Losing you hurts like no other, but so much of the man I am today was a result of you, either directly or indirectly through my mom. I can smile knowing that every day something I do was a result of you, and will be passed on to Zoey and Rhory.

I am lucky, WE are lucky, to have had you as long as we did.

Love You Always, Brandon



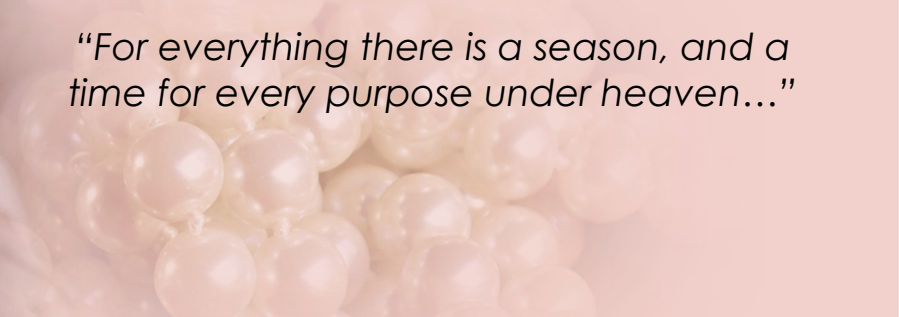
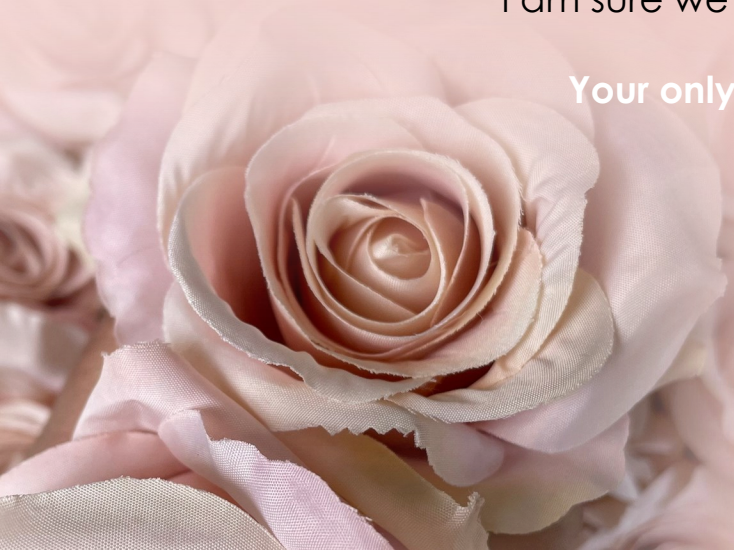
Dear Grandma,

I can't thank you enough for being my grandmother. I wish I had a magic wand to bring back time and spend one last hour with you to laugh and hug you. You will forever be missed. So to you grandma, I say THANK YOU.

Thank you for being the incredible woman you were. I know you're always there, and you will always guide me and protect me. I love you and I am sure we'd meet someday gma.

Your only granddaughter Erin

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven..."





CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

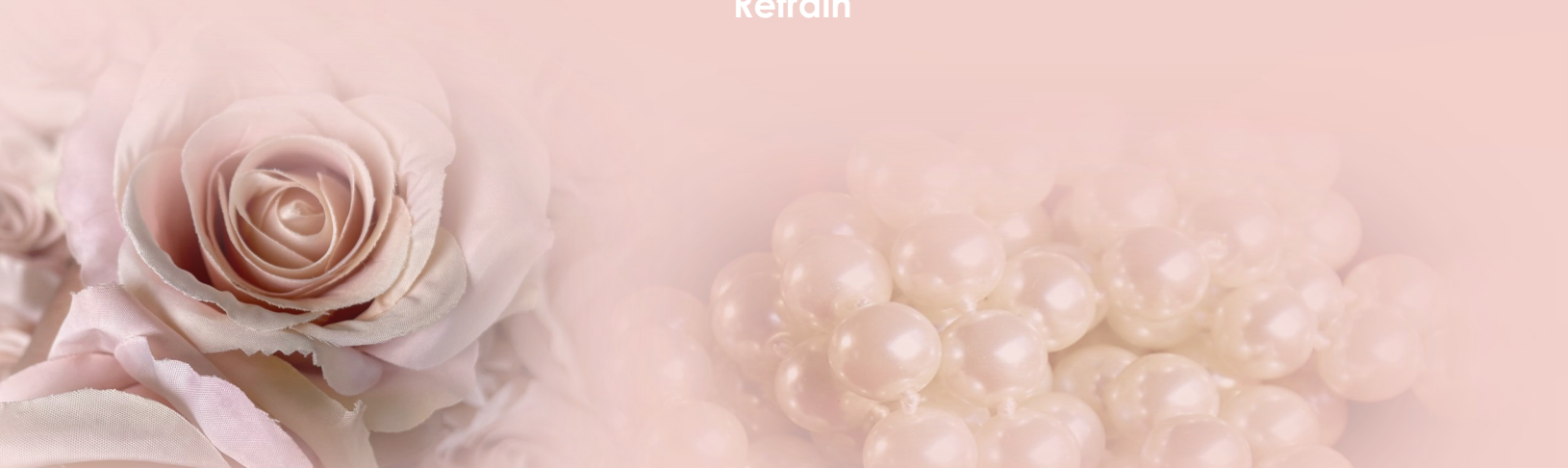
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain





PALLBEARERS

Brandon T. Flowers
Carter D. Sedgwick
Damari Sedgwick
Darryl D. Sedgwick
Landon C. Sedgwick
Lawrence H. Sedgwick IV

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Charles W. Henderson, Jr.
Decarlo Hicks
Jalen Lindler
Lawrence H. Sedgwick III (Deceased)
Omar Abdul-Rahim
Sean Scates



REPAST

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Our family would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving care.



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