



Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley

May 9, 1936 - October 18, 2021

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING FUNERAL SERVICES IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MRS. BETTY WIMBLEY. PLEASE SEE VISITATION & FUNERAL SERVICE TIMES & LOCATION BELOWMASKS WILL STILL BE REQUIRED AT THE CHURCH****

****ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: mtzionkalamazoo.org
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
- Or
3. Go to Facebook, if you have a facebook account. after logging in, type in [Myzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/Myzionbaptistkalamazoo)

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THE OBITUARY

Betty Lee Wimbley (Cleveland) of Kalamazoo, Michigan peacefully joined the Lord on Monday, October 18, 2021. She was born on May 9, 1936 in Lepanto,

Arkansas, the daughter of Howard and Alma Cleveland. Betty accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and attended services at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Galilee Baptist Church during her lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Alma Cleveland; brothers AD Buchanan, Fred Buchanan, and Allie Buchanan; sisters May Ruth Roberson and Lenora Ervin; and children, Steven Wimbley and Carolyn Shannon.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory: son Melvin (Patricia) Wimbley of Ada, Michigan; daughter Joyce Wimbley of Kalamazoo, Michigan; sisters Nelly Gund of Shaw, Mississippi and Willie Williams of Kalamazoo, Michigan; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren along with nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and a host of very special friends.

Betty moved to Kalamazoo, MI as a child after having migrated from Lepanto, Arkansas to Paducah, Kentucky. Early on, she attended beauty school and was employed as a hairdresser, then moved on to become a clerk at General Motors. Later, she was employed as a housekeeper and caregiver for several families, culminating in her retirement 20 years ago.

Betty enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was known for her wicked sense of humor, generous spirit, and skills in the kitchen. Her favorite pastimes included playing cards and going to the casino; furthermore, she was an excellent bowler, having won many awards.

Additionally, she loved to travel, with Mackinac Island being her favorite destination. Betty regularly attended bible study and other events at the Ecumenical Center, and enjoyed playing bingo and participating in activities at the Crosstown Parkway Senior Community, where she lived for over 21 years.

At home, Betty enjoyed listening to Country and Western music, talking with friends and family members on the phone, and watching her favorite TV shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She was a collector of knickknacks, candles, and magnets.

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation For Family & Friends

OCT **25.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

OCT **26.** 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Cheryl Owens-Nebedum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Cheryl Owens-Nebedum - December 07, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Betty -definitely a hard worker, polite graceful and a smile for you , she made my day and workload easier.
Angel here on earth, So sorry for your loss.
Sincerely Cheri K*

Cheri - December 03, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AW

“ Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson - November 05, 2021 at 10:15 PM

TP

“ Sending our condolences and deepest sympathy to the family. The Prude Family ❤️



Theresa Prude - October 29, 2021 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ Thomas Lipsey Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



Thomas Lipsey Family - October 29, 2021 at 06:25 AM

LL

“ I had the honor of meeting Ms Betty years ago,I've always had the upmost love and respect for her,she will live forever in my heart and memories!



Lula Ligon - October 28, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JJ

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr - October 27, 2021 at 04:17 PM

LL

“ Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



Lula Ligon - October 26, 2021 at 10:18 PM

NA

“ Such a sweet lady. She will be missed deeply at our community. (Crosstown Senior Apartments) She always had a smile and a friendly word.
Nancy A.

Nancy Austin - October 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM

NA

“ Nancy Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



Nancy Austin - October 26, 2021 at 08:42 PM

CF

“ *Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Charleston Family - October 26, 2021 at 01:34 PM

LG

“ *Lester Gonder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Lester Gonder - October 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Sonia Wilkerson - October 26, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Karest Willis Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Karest Willis Brown - October 25, 2021 at 10:55 PM

SE

“ Sherry Coffey Ezell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



Sherry Coffey Ezell - October 25, 2021 at 10:12 PM

SE

“ We love you sweetheart rest up Aunt Betty, Sherry, Andrea, and Ashley. Andy's girls❤️

Sherry Coffey Ezell - October 25, 2021 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ LB lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley



LB - October 25, 2021 at 03:23 PM

LP

“ Betty; a generous and lovely friend. I miss you already ❤️

Lois Phelps - October 25, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley.



October 25, 2021 at 05:17 AM

RF

“ *Reese Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Reese Family - October 25, 2021 at 04:04 AM

AR

My Condolences to you & your family Joyce. So sorry to hear your Mom has passed away. Stay strong on God will give you strength to continue on. God Bless you. Audrey Rancifer-McGrew

Audrey Rancifer-McGrew - October 31, 2021 at 09:10 PM

RL

“ *Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Ramona Lumpkin - October 25, 2021 at 03:04 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley.*



October 24, 2021 at 10:32 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Edith Gardner - October 24, 2021 at 04:47 PM

LS

“ *Sincere condolences to a great woman, and Queen of a great family!*

Lionell Ford Sr. - October 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Betty Ford - October 23, 2021 at 11:24 PM

CJ

“ *Our condolences to the Wimbley families... We haven't known this sweet lady long, but what a wonderful smile and personality... full of fun and honest conversations. She will certainly be missed by her loving family and friends.*

Cathy and Bob Jensen

Cathy and Bob Jensen - October 23, 2021 at 11:06 PM

AM

“ *Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Alma M. Snell - October 23, 2021 at 07:14 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Phillips Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Cindy Phillips Smith - October 23, 2021 at 06:24 PM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Wimbley Family keeping you in my prayers*



Earline Fields - October 23, 2021 at 03:14 PM

ML

“ *My Condolences And Prayers To The Family Of Betty. Melvin(Pat), And Joyce, Betty Was A Kind And A Dear Friend That I Encounter With Years Ago. She Was Always A Person Who Kept Me Smiling And Laughing When We Talked, And Encourage Me During My Rough Times In Life. Melvin (Pat) And Joyce, God Will Keep You And Comfort You During This Time. God Will Always Be With You. He Will Give You Strength, And Peace. Love You All And Praying For You All. Blessings In Love*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley

Malinda Ligon-Whitley - October 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley.*



October 23, 2021 at 12:40 PM

DA

“ *Mrs Betty you was a Beautiful woman I remember you working at General Motors as cashier in the cafeteria you always had a kind word for everyone Rest In Peace*

Doris Abbott - October 23, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JE

“ *To Wimbledon and Williams Family , Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. Aunt Betty will be missed.*



Jo Ann Embrey - October 23, 2021 at 10:26 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - October 23, 2021 at 08:45 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Dallas Boards and family - October 23, 2021 at 07:31 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty L. Wimbley*



Pauline Gardner - October 23, 2021 at 07:14 AM