

Bettie Jené Kirksey

(May 26, 1942 - April 19, 2021)

KIRKSEY, Bettie Jene'; of Highland Twp formerly of Chicago; passed away surrounded by her loved ones on April 19, 2021; age 78. Bettie was preceded in death by her husband Lionel Kirksey, Parents Beatrice & Hezekiah Johns, Sisters Virdie Lee Griffin, Margarite Cook, Augustine Shirley Hayes (Arthur Hayes), Berteal Blunt, Ernestine Williams, Lena Bonds, Wilma Johns, Dorothy Johns, Helen Pittman, Maggie Henderson, Brothers John Buckley, Jay Hugh Johns, Benny Charles Johns, & Claude Johns (Inez Johns). Mother of Anthony Kirksey and Regina (Kenneth) Wiseheart; Grammy of Tristan (Michael) Ray, John Brooks, Kyra Conyers & Peter Conyers; Gigi of Ky-Lynn Conyers, Pierceson Ray and Sky Brown; sister of Ruth McClendon, Alice (Ernest) Coleman and Leonard (Gladys) Johns; also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Bettie was born May 26, 1942 to Hezekiah and Beatrice Johns. She enjoyed entertaining, collecting antiques, sewing, decorating and spending time with family. Her children were her priority. Bettie was a Mother of Door of Faith Christian Church, Pontiac. Discipline, order and cleanliness were important to her. Bettie will be remembered for her delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, especially her sweet potato pies.