



Betty Dow Jackson

May 19, 1930 - December 19, 2024

Betty Louise Dow, born on May 19, 1930, in Bluefield, West Virginia, was a remarkable woman whose life was marked by dedication to education, family, and community. As the eldest of three daughters of Cecil and Cathelene Dow, she grew up in Slab Fork, a coal mining town, deeply rooted in the values of hard work and resilience.

Betty excelled academically, graduating from Byrd Prillerman High School before pursuing further education at Bluefield State College, where she became a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Her passion for teaching led her back to her high school to educate future generations, including her youngest sister.

On January 11, 1953, Betty married her high school and college sweetheart, Floyd I. Jackson Sr. Floyd and Betty moved to Washington, DC, in 1955, where Betty became an active member of the Isreal Baptist Church, joining and being baptized on September 27 of that year. Together, Floyd and Betty welcomed a son, Floyd L. Jackson Jr. "Jack" and later were blessed with two grandchildren, Kirsten and Eian.

Betty dedicated 32 years of her life to the Central Intelligence Agency, retiring in 1987 with numerous accolades, including the prestigious "Career Intelligence Medal for Career Achievement." Her commitment to excellence was evident in her professional life as well as her personal endeavors.

In her free time, Betty enjoyed planting flowers, sewing, and sharing moments with her grandchildren and neighbors. She was also a devoted fan of the Washington Redskins, proudly holding season tickets.

Betty's legacy lives on through her son, Floyd Jackson Jr. (Jenna), her grandchildren Kirsten Jackson-Flowers and Eian Jackson, her sisters Juanita Williams and Janet Cashwell, her embraced brother Richard Henry, and a loving extended family. She is also remembered by her in-laws, Lionel Jackson, Joyce Jackson, Carolyn Tihoe (Jimmy), Charlene Watson (Larry), Ernest Cashwell and Moyer Wilson, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors who cherished her spirit and warmth. Her life was a testament to love, perseverance, and community, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Ave NE
Washington, DC 20018-1025
(202) 269-0288

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ To my Dow family in the passing of our cousin Betty Dow Jackson, we are here for you as we celebrate the life of our beautiful cousin. Her love, laughter and beautiful smile will always be in our memories. She is now resting with her Heavenly Father, and we have the blessed assurance of seeing her again. Love you all. James A.G. Harris, Jr. and wife, Joyce Dow Harris, and the entire Dow family here in the Washington, DC area.

Joyce D. Harris - January 03, 2025 at 08:02 PM

TG

“ Teresa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Dow Jackson.

Teresa G. - January 02, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RH

“ Richard w. H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Dow Jackson.

Richard w. H. - January 02, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CJ

“ May God surround you with the peace and comfort that only He can give.
Charlotte Jefferson

Charlotte Jefferson - January 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM

LF

“ Love, The Pasquali Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Betty Dow Jackson.



Love, The Pasquali Family - December 31, 2024 at 09:31 AM

D&

“ Delilah & Jocelyn (Schofield &Holloway) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Dow Jackson.



Delilah & Jocelyn (Schofield &Holloway) - December 30, 2024 at 10:21 PM

GF

“ Gregory Bradshaw & Tracie Jones Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Betty Dow Jackson.



Gregory Bradshaw & Tracie Jones Families - December 30, 2024 at 03:10 PM

GF

“ Gregory Bradshaw & Tracie Jones Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Dow Jackson.

Gregory Bradshaw & Tracie Jones Families - December 30, 2024 at 03:10 PM

MO

“ *Monique lit a candle in memory of Betty Jackson*



Monique - December 29, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Monique Cosby lit a candle in memory of Betty Jackson*



Monique Cosby - December 28, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - December 23, 2024 at 04:42 PM