



Betty B. Vaughters

March 25, 1932 - February 23, 2022

Celebration of Life of Betty B. Vaughters

Elizabeth Anne Bagby Vaughters (lovingly known as “Betty”) was one of a kind. Her beauty, style, candor, wit and spirit made and left quite the impression. Then, there was that voice - to hear it was to love it and to love her.

Betty was born on March 25, 1932 in Holmes, PA, the third of nine children to Frank and Thelma Bagby. She moved to Morton, PA, at an early age, where she attended Phillis Wheatley Elementary School. Betty graduated from Swarthmore High School, where she made history as the school’s first Black cheerleader.

After graduation, Betty went to work at Bell Telephone. While there, she stood out from her peers and, once again, made history. Betty was the first Black 2nd-level commercial manager at Bell Telephone in Chester, PA. However, she was not satisfied with her success alone. She worked hard to empower and promote other minorities, not just at Bell Technology, but through her work with the NAACP and through her relationships with her siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In 1989, Betty retired from Verizon (formerly Bell Telephone) after 29 years,

and she fully enjoyed retirement. Retirement allowed her the freedom to explore her passions - traveling, gardening, fine dining, sports, and politics. More importantly, retirement gave Betty the time to be the devoted partner, sister, aunt, and friend we all knew and loved. She enjoyed traveling with her love, Steven. Together, they saw the world. She cherished time with each of her eight siblings, and they all thought the world of her in return. Betty was everyone's favorite aunt, and remarkably, all her nieces and nephews believe they were her favorite as well. She was magic that way.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Thelma Bagby, her brothers, Frank Bagby, Jr., Godfrey Bagby, and Donald Bagby, her sisters, Evelyn Delores Warrick, Geraldine Dunn, and Thelma Lucas, and her stepson, Steven Potts, Jr. She is survived by her long-time love of 44 years, Steven Potts, Sr., her brother, Dr. Ramon Bagby, her sister, Ramona B. Holtz, and her step-daughter, Tanya Potts. In addition, she leaves a host of nieces, nephews, and friends who absolutely adored her.

Betty was more than a partner, sister, aunt, and friend. She was more than a trailblazing cheerleader and manager. For many, she was the person who was always there. She was always giving, always caring, always fair, always loving, always fun, always...amazing. Betty Vaughters was a legend.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Earl I. Foster Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty B. Vaughters*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Betty B. Vaughters*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM