



Berdell A. Huntley

July 5, 1929 - June 19, 2021

Berdell Huntley was born Berdell Ula Alvergie Thompson on July 5, 1929 in Toledo, Ohio, the 6th of 7 daughters to George and Mary Belle Thompson. She met and married the love of her life, Harold Huntley, and they were blessed with three children, Alvergie, Harold Jr. and Mary Jo. For 66 years they shared a special love and devotion to each other. Whenever you saw one, you saw the other.

Harold Sr. passed in 2015, and their son, Harold Jr. in 2002. She was also preceded in death by both parents and all 6 of her sisters, Berneda Judge, Mable Eubanks, Georgetta Thompson, Marie Ransey, Louise Lockett and Odessa Dodd.

Berdell graduated from Whitney Vocational High School where she was one of only 2 African Americans in her class. As an adult she was active in the PTA at her children's school, did census taking for many years for the Toledo Board of Education, worked at Sears in the tool department, and worked one summer in a factory with her daughter, Alvergie, to earn money for her college fund.

Second only to her family, the church was everything to Berdell. She was an original member of Pinewood Tabernacle where in the early days she played piano (black keys only) and later served many years as the church secretary. She was known to canvass the neighborhood to pick up nieces and nephews to bring them to church. She was fortunate to be able to travel extensively both domestically and internationally, visiting 5 continents and cruising the Caribbean. She loved doing word find puzzles and working jig saw puzzles. There is still an unfinished one under the dining room tablecloth. When her health began to decline, her daughter, Mary Jo, moved back to Toledo to become her caregiver.

On Juneteenth, June 19, 2021, Berdell finally received her freedom when she passed away peacefully in her sleep at home. She leaves to cherish her memory daughters, Alvergie Waters (Charles) of Fayetteville, GA., and Mary Campbell (David, deceased) of Toledo, OH; seven grandchildren, London Lavallais, Bryan Evans, Tina Hardiman, Allen Huntley, Harold Huntley III, Lanita Smith and Leslye Sea-Ulis; 21 great-grandchildren, 5

great-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH,

JUL **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, Inc.
572 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH, US, 43604

JUL **Wake** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Pinewood Tabernacle
531 Pinewood Ave, Toledo, OH, US, 43604-8009

JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Robin N. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Berdell A. Huntley.



Robin N. - August 04 at 08:08 AM



“ Dearest Huntley, Ramsey and Dodd families. I share in the solemnness of the passing of your mom and aunt. She was an amazing and steadfast woman. Her steadfast dedication was profound. She taught us of the closeness of families and the commitment to marriage. She loved her sisters and mom, supporting her mom in the pastoring of Pinewood Tabernacle and it's later transition to others. I recall our fun annual trips to Cedar Point, those picnic spreads and laughter, looking forward to your families gathering so we could meet other cousins of yours when they came to church. Growing up in Pinewood I have years of memories of our few families worshipping together, learning together and teaching. Mary Jo I remember how you and Alvergia and your brother brought in young people and your brother played in a band. Your mom's peaceful quiet demeanor was powerful. She was an advocate as well. She took steps with your dad to ensure that Pinewood would not get torn down when the neighborhood was being demolished under the urban renewal plan. Amazing. She is now reaping her rich rewards.

robin nwankwo - August 04 at 07:51 AM



“ Sending our sincerest condolences and keeping you in prayer.

Love, Joe and Krystal Tillman



Krystal Waters-Tillman - July 04 at 01:57 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to Mary Jo, and Huntley family. Sis Huntly was one of the best examples of the love of Christ when I was a new born again Christian. Thank you sister Huntley.



Sister Tomma Lee Gulley - July 03 at 06:51 PM



“ Vanessa Seay Chatman My Deepest Sympath lit a candle in memory of Berdell A. Huntley



Vanessa Seay Chatman my deepest Sympath - July 03 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Berdell A. Huntley.



July 02 at 05:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berdell A. Huntley.



July 01 at 11:10 PM



“ Jennifer Todd lit a candle in memory of Berdell A. Huntley



Jennifer Todd - July 01 at 09:39 AM



“ Mary Mathieu lit a candle in memory of Berdell A. Huntley



Mary Mathieu - June 29 at 05:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berdell A. Huntley.



June 25 at 09:14 AM



“ Deidre Jared and Jude purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Berdell A. Huntley.



Deidre Cook - June 23 at 09:37 PM



“ I will cherish the memories I have of her. I really enjoyed meeting Ms. Berdell and her family. Mary Jo Thank you for allowing us into your home to meet such a beautiful kind soul. I will miss my visits. God Bless Terri RN Promedica Hospice

Terri Wilcox - June 22 at 02:33 PM



“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones &Family

Gwendolyn E.March Jones - June 22 at 10:00 AM



“ I will always love you Grandma Huntley

Danaesha Hardiman - June 21 at 09:08 PM