



## Ms. Betty Lou Hughes

August 18, 1953 - December 20, 2024

Betty Lou (Marshall) Hughes was born August 18, 1953 in Alton, Illinois to the late George W. Marshall Sr. and Bessie Warr-Marshall.

Betty was educated in the Alton public school system and graduated from Alton High School class of 1971. Betty attained her Bachelors of Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and continued her education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to attain her specialized educator's certification to teach Kindergarten through High School students with learning disabilities. Betty began her teaching career at the Illinois Youth Center Pere Marquette in Grafton, IL and went on to teach at the Alton School District No. 11 where she retired.

Betty was a lifelong educator and a strong advocate for young people to pursue higher education. Betty served on numerous Scholarship Committees such as her Williams Family Reunion, the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, and the National Council for Negro Women. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and an active member of the Wood River District Region One. Betty was well known in the community for educating generations of Altonians and volunteering in the community. She was deeply committed to her family and church, was an avid reader, art music and sci-fi movie fan, she enjoyed dancing, playing cards, watching football and baseball.

Betty accepted Christ at an early age under the Reverend L. T. Simmons of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a lifelong and faithful member and served on the choir, usher board, and scholarship committee.

Betty married her high school sweetheart Dennis Hughes, Sr. and to that union was born their only son, Dennis Hughes, Jr.

Betty was called to rest on Friday, December 20, 2024. Betty is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents and siblings Charles W. (Sugar) Marshall, Cora Clark, George W. Marshall Jr., and god-sister Earlene Mack.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her beloved son Dennis Jr and daughter-in-love, Pamela, granddaughters Denise, Diane and Dana who brought her much joy and pride. In addition, her siblings Anita Walker and Georgia Ann Marshall of Alton, Illinois, special sister-in-law Joann Marshall, special brother-in-law James Clark, Sr., adopted sister-mother Mildred Warren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, friends and colleagues, whom miss her dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star Missionary Church  
1 E 6th street  
Alton , IL 62002

## Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
1 East 6th Street  
Alton , IL 62002

## Graveside

JAN 2 (CT)

Upper Alton Cemetery  
Oakwood Rd  
Alton, IL 62002



# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Ms. Betty Lou Hughes.



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January 08, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Betty Lou Hughes.

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January 01, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Betty Lou Hughes.



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January 01, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ *Shon-tiyon Horton* purchased the *Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin* for the family of Ms. Betty Lou Hughes.



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**Shon-tiyon Horton** - January 01, 2025 at 07:26 PM

SH

“ A special heartfelt thank you to Dennis (and his family) for sharing your mom with all of us from our times growing up and throughout the rest of our lives. I am still touched how Momma Hughes got us shipped off to Howard University some 30 years ago successfully and shared with us firsthand some of the Black history of Delaware in the process of doing it. Momma Hughes set a high standard and modeled her expectations...truly a class act and I considered myself blessed to have had my life enriched profusely by her.---Shon-tiyon Horton

Shon-tiyon Horton - January 01, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RI

“ Our sincere condolences to the Hughes family. You are in our prayers. May GOD comfort and keep you as only he can. Peace in the mighty name of Jesus!  
-Brother Jedaiah, Sister RaChel, and family-

RaChel Israel - December 28, 2024 at 06:01 PM

PL

“ Prayerfully submitted Ladies Of Legacy- purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Betty Lou Hughes.



Prayerfully submitted Ladies Of Legacy- - December 28, 2024 at 02:18 PM

RH

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family and friends  
  
Ruth Hardimon

Ruth Hardimon - December 27, 2024 at 06:11 PM

ER

“ My Family Lived In Sullivan Drive Until I Was 10 I'm So Sorry For Loss

Eve RobersonJohnson - December 26, 2024 at 06:49 PM

AW

“ My choir sister, my co-worker, my very good friend. You were great at all that you did, God saw you needed to be with Him, and you answered His call. I will miss you my friend, keep singing in the Heavenly choir. I will always be praying for Dennis and your girls. Love you lady

Annette Williams - December 26, 2024 at 04:00 PM

SA

“ To the family of Betty Hughes. Betty has received her wings and I can see her up in Heaven teaching a very important lesson. Betty was awesome in the classroom. My condolences to the family. She will be missed.



Sheila D Alexander - December 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KF

Betty L.Marshall Hughes, wow I will always love you cousin, and I really miss your beautiful smile and our conversation💔💔. My condolences to my family. I am praying 🙏🙏🙏 for my family 🌸🌸🌸  
 I am so sorry for our loss. Rest in peace and paradise Cousin 🌸🌸  
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Kandy Ja'kyra Ashanti Frizell - December 27, 2024 at 01:04 AM

VM

“ To the family of Betty Hughes I love you Betty you have been a great support to our family and I am going to miss you my dear. REST easy beautiful queen until we meet again  
Valory Mcdonald



Valory Mcdonald - December 24, 2024 at 02:43 PM

DB

To the family of Betty Hughes she was a very lovely person who I have known for quite sometime. Attending Morning Star Church faithfully singing in the choir. It was a joy to know you and your family. Now you can rest to God be the Glory.  
Debra Bradley-December 26, 2024

debra bradley - December 26, 2024 at 05:22 PM

CH

I m sending my Condolences, Prayers, and Love ... Yes Betty is going to be miss and that Beautiful Smile she Always wore ... God needed an Angel and he chose that Smile.... God'sGrace

Charlene Hardimon - January 06, 2025 at 12:10 AM