

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF “NeNe”



Bettina LeNe' Crump

Sunrise: March 7, 1962

Sunset: January 18, 2026

Closed Viewing held January 24th, 2026 in Baltimore, MD

**The Service and Celebration of Life held
Friday, January 30th 2026 1pm
Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Memphis, TN 38109**

Bettina's Prayer

Lord,

As I rise into a new day, I thank you for watching over me through the darkness of night.

Cleanse my mental space so that I can absorb life with clarity

Open my eyes so that I see clearly and transparently all that is before me and around me.

As I breathe in breath allow me to hear life in all it's truth and lies so that I stay on your path for my purpose.

Open my lips and lift my tongue to speak truth wisdom and love all directed by Your Divine guidance.

Fill my heart spirit and soul with all that you are so that I can be all that you created me to be .

Remove negativity from within me so I may speak and walk with positivity in this life.

Plan each step I take towards your righteousness so that peace resides in me and around me.

Allow grace and mercy to follow me with each step I take into every doorway I enter.

I know there is never a day or night that I don't need your guidance.

Thank you heavenly father.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.



"Dance with the waves, move with the sea, let the rhythm of the water set your soul free."

Program

Opening

Brighter Day by Kirk Franklin

Prayer Scripture

Reverend Melvin Watkins

Reading of Obituary

Tiera Crump

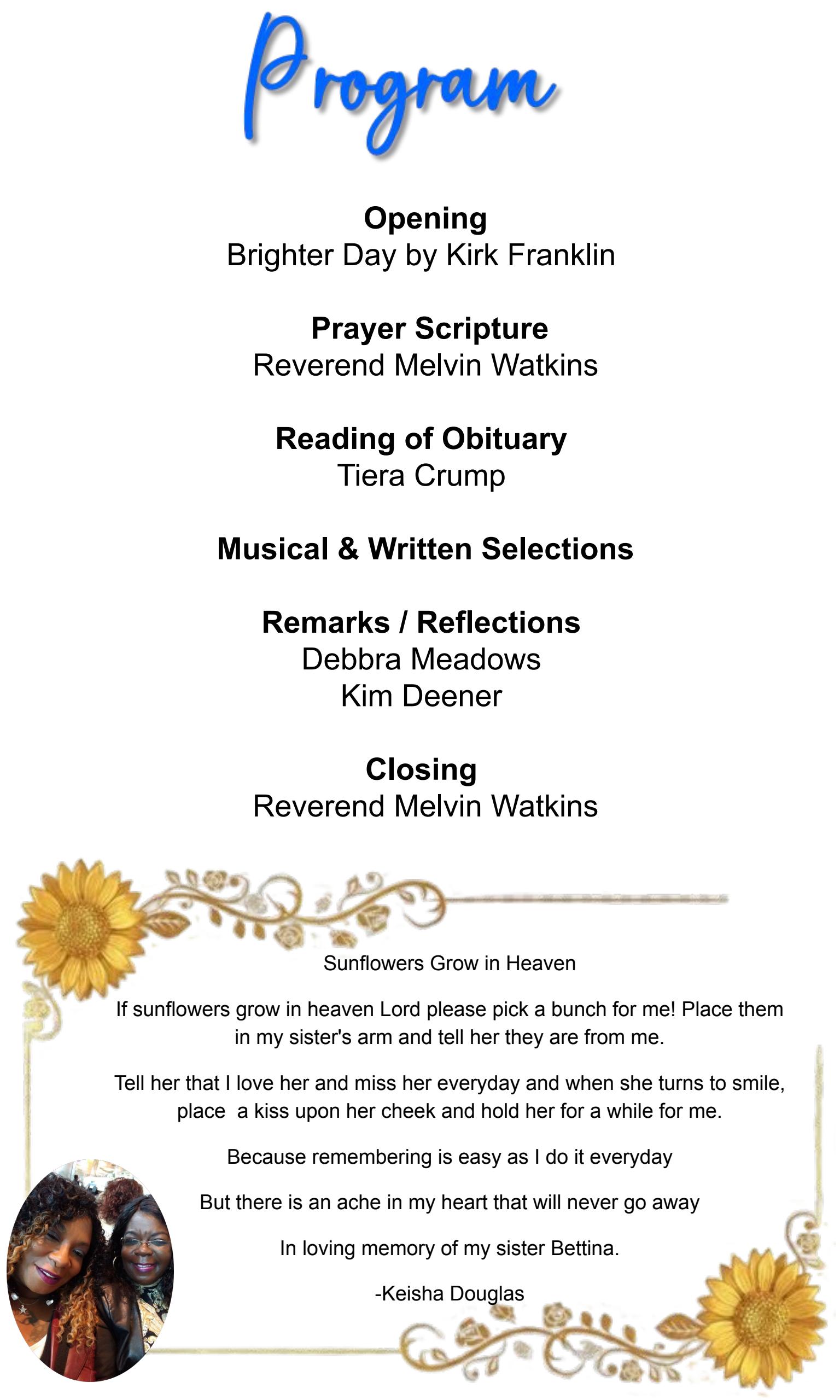
Musical & Written Selections

Remarks / Reflections

Debra Meadows
Kim Deener

Closing

Reverend Melvin Watkins



Sunflowers Grow in Heaven

If sunflowers grow in heaven Lord please pick a bunch for me! Place them in my sister's arm and tell her they are from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her everyday and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while for me.

Because remembering is easy as I do it everyday

But there is an ache in my heart that will never go away

In loving memory of my sister Bettina.

-Keisha Douglas





Bettina LeNe Crump

affectionately known to all as "**NeNe**," began her vibrant journey on March 7, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee to Tom and the late Barbara Lee Douglas (Shoemaker).

Bettina grew up in the Westwood neighborhood, where her childhood was defined by family and faith. She was a lover, a dreamer, and a natural nurturer. Her earliest and most cherished memories were made during weekends spent at her grandparents' home. She often spoke of helping her grandfather, Richard, in the garden—planting, growing, and picking the fruits from their trees—and of the fresh, home-cooked meals she prepared with her grandmother, Ezella. These treasured experiences laid the foundation for Bettina's values of family and service, sparking a lifelong passion for gardening that became her sanctuary. Her home, inside and out, was always filled with color, life and greenery.

It was during her years at Hillcrest High School that Bettina's world truly began to bloom. Growing up with her big cousin Darius, she found her love for music and dance, spending countless nights out with her favorite cousin. Alongside her closest girlfriends—Kim, Keva, and Beverly—she built bonds that would last a lifetime. Together, they made the most of every moment, dancing through the nightlife and even crossing paths with celebrities.

During these years, she met her beloved husband, Cedric Earl Crump. The two were married in Memphis in 1983 and, shortly after, moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to begin their life together and welcome their first daughter, Jasmine LaShundra. While balancing motherhood, Bettina attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College. In 1986, the family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland, where they welcomed their youngest daughter, Tiera Venese.



She spent the next 39 years of her life building a beautiful home and a sanctuary for all who entered her life during that time. In Baltimore, Bettina built lifelong friendships that helped her create a home away from home. Veronica Robinson and Darlene Lee became like family instantly, sharing milestones and memories with the entire family through the years.



Bettina

became a force in the corporate world.

After retiring from First National Bank in 2007, she began a new path, becoming known for her sharp intellect at organizations like UPS, Lockheed Martin, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Ultimately, she joined the Department of Defense, working in positions that allowed her to live out her dreams of traveling the world.

While she achieved much professionally, her grandchildren were her absolute pride and joy. She was blessed with her first grandson, TJ; followed by her granddaughters—one named in honor of her late mother, Barbara Lee, and the other named after Richard LeVon, whom she considered a son.

Her legacy of love and her priority on family continued through her cherished relationship with Lauryn Lewis (of Michigan), the mother of her first great-grandchild, and a lifelong bond, unbreakable by distance, with Brian “KeKe” Stokes, Ryan Neal Meadows, and many other relatives.

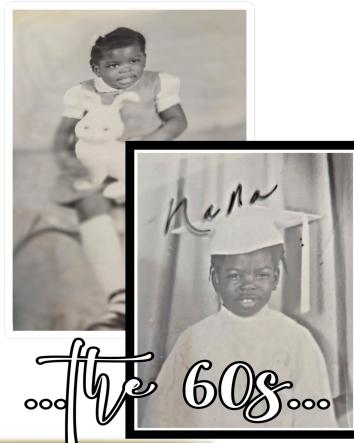
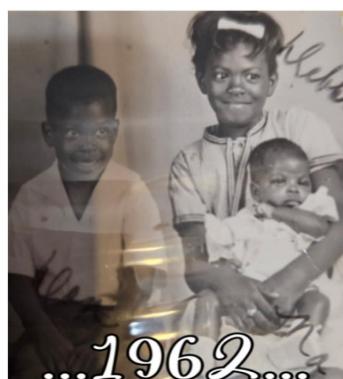
As a woman of deep faith, Bettina was deeply invested in making sure everyone she loved knew exactly how much they meant to her. She became a member of Empowerment Temple and filled her Sundays with streaming sermons, later dancing to her favorite songs. Bettina spent her later years pouring love into her family and those she called family. Whether tending her garden or offering spiritual support, she was a mother, sister, and auntie to many.

While at home on January 18, 2026, Bettina closed her eyes one final time. She went to join her mother, "BaBa"; her sister, Linda Cole; her brothers, Don Cork and Terrence Douglas; her close cousin, Darius Shoemaker; her sister-in-law, Marilyn Rutherford; and an unforgettable soul, Richard Lawson, at rest.

Left to mourn her passing are her father, Tom; her husband, Cedric Crump; her daughters, Tiera Venese Crump and Jasmine Crump Hall; her son-in-love, Tarico De'Angelo Crump Sr.; her sister, Keisha Douglas; her sister-in-law, Ramona Cork; her grandson, Tarico D'Angelo Crump Jr.; two granddaughters, Jamaria Heaven'Lee Violet Crump and Jazarah Lily Levon Crump; her great-grandchildren, Londyn Lewis (of Michigan) and Kaiyon M. Frank (of Baltimore, MD); many nieces and nephews; and a host of neighbors and extended family.

Bettina's spirit is a reminder that family is not just decided by blood or distance, but by those we choose to love, laugh with, and live out our lives with.

If you are reading this, she chose you.



Words from Family & Friends

Cousin, I miss you. I will speak your name and be forced to process this new reality. Friend, I will miss you when I climb through despair and you're no longer here to share your wit & wisdom. Sister, my almost twin Pisces flame, I will miss our sisterly bond and all the ways we navigated the winds and rode the waves. We truly had the best conversations. Our minds aligned. We talked long. We laughed loud. You were family and friend. We became favorite cousins, just like our Mothers. I love you and will always love how you loved, a bit spicy with a lot of sweet. I admired you and all your determination. I appreciated your grind and how you prioritize your "me time". You charted new paths, conquered many odds, and always kept things moving I am proud of you. And through it all, I somehow missed the mark. Time did not wait and now I find myself with voided plans, missed opportunities, no last goodbye, and more hard grief to unpack. Because just like that, God called you home, my favorite big cousin. He knew the hour, he made the sacred way. And now, you shifted to greater heights, brighter lights, and glorious sights in the skies above. We thank God for your life and every great memory. May He continue to cradle you and keep you safe and close to Him. May your spirit hug our hearts often. Rest well Cousin. Thank you for being beautiful inside and out. Thank you for your honesty. Thank you for being fearless and pouring courage into others. Thank you for finding peace and joy, always. Thank you for doing your best and for being the best to all of us. I love you Nay-Nay, my favorite cousin 4ever. ❤️ Kyme Holman

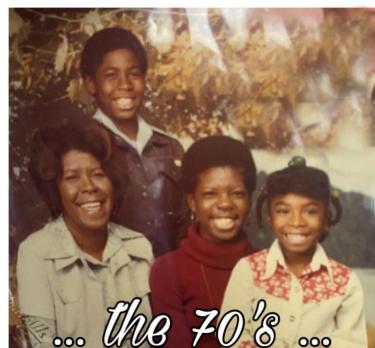


Bettina would always start our extra long heartfelt conversations off by calling me by my full name Keva Lynn Deener-Perry. She knew I didn't want to hear all of that, Nevertheless she did it anyway. We laughed, reminisced and inspired each other. There wasn't anything that Bettina and I didn't and couldn't talk about. The joy and laughter that we shared was truly genuine. As I say R.I.P until I see you later, I will forever treasure the sister-love that we have. I love you Tina!

-Keva

"Some people pass through our lives, and some become part of who we are. Bettina, my bestie, a beautiful soul whose presence has touched my life in so many ways, the bond we shared will forever run in my heart. I will hold close to me the times we shared, the memories we made, the laughter we created, the tears we shed and the family bond that was formed. Until we meet again, I will miss our long conversations and outings. You are loved, you are missed, you will never be forgotten."

Your bestie, Veronica



-Tina and I bonded way back when we were in the 4th or 5th grade. Since day one, we were always totally opposite. What I admired about her most was that she was outspoken, confident and not afraid to go after whatever she was passionate about. Our friendship stood the test of time because we loved and most importantly respected one another. She was my friend, my sister, my CONFIDANT. My heart is broken. Love you always my friend.

-Kim



"NaeNae" as we affectionately called her, was my Sister in Love. I was her big sis. She lived a full life that was a testament to Love, Resilience, and Grace. She had a beautiful smile that lit up every room she entered. She also had the gift of making everyone feel seen, valued, and loved. She was resilient in life, in the face of adversity, she persevered and was a force to be reckoned with, traveling to new places, pursuing new skills, making lifestyle changes to improve her wellness.

I married into the Douglas family, and she always made me feel a part of the family. After the passing of my husband Don, her big brother, she made it her mission to make sure that my family continued to stay close and in touch, even as we moved to Mississippi, and she lived in Baltimore. Sometimes we dropped the ball, but she gave us grace and never stopped reaching out. Family was so important to her and she would always strive to keep encouraging all of us of the importance of unity and connection.

She was a Daddy's girl and we all knew there was hell to pay if anybody did not give Daddy Tom his honor and respect. Her love for him and all of us was unconditional. That is where that grace came into play. She loved each of us, exactly where we were.

Though our hearts ache with her absence, we are grateful to God for the many years He shared her with us. Her light will not fade. She lives in the stories we will continue to tell, traditions we carry forward, and the many lessons she and Cedric taught to their children Jasmine, Tiera and Tarico, as well as their granddaughters Jamaria and Jazariah.

"Nae" my little sister, take your rest with our beloved family that have already gone on. You will always be with us in spirit. Holding the bar, oh so high! In our hearts, our memories, in the way that we love one another. The way you always loved us.

-Ramona Cook

Mama Tina, thank you.

Thank you for opening your door and your heart when I had nowhere safe to land. You became my shelter when adulthood arrived unannounced, when I stood unsure and unsteady, longing for a refuge and a listening ear.

You were my warmth in cold seasons, my strength when I was learning how to stand on my own. With quiet wisdom and gentle hands, you guided me as I brought my own family into the world, showing me how love is carried forward, not spoken loudly.

You shared my valleys and my victories with grace, meeting every moment with mercy. Your belief in me filled a hollow place I didn't know how to name, a place where pride should have lived. Through you, I finally knew what it felt like to make a parent proud, and that gift changed me forever.

Your spirit: soft, steady, and serene was my blueprint. You showed me how a woman meets life with dignity, how every challenge holds a lesson, and how love remains constant no matter the circumstances.

Though distance now separates us, I carry you with me, in my joy, in my choices, in the woman I continue to become. I know I made you proud, and I will honor you by living as the grateful, merciful, devoted daughter you taught me to be.

I love you, forever and always. Rest now in paradise. Until we meet again, I will walk forward with your light guiding my way.

-Mimi



How you managed to love me as if I were your own child ?

I'll never know. Lord knows you had your hands full. Especially adding me. But your heart was big enough for me and my children. Goes to show you were GENUINE, MOMS hearts stretches far beyond their own. You loved me when I thought no one did and for that I will forever be grateful that you entered my life. I don't want to get carried away Teedy said "a short message" You know how she is. Ma! I will always love you forever and will never forget all the love, joy, and guidance you brought into my life.

- Spread those wings , Tavon



TO GOD be the Glory

Great things He has done
He gave me a good friend,
Bettina Crump was the one.

A little bit sassy,
and sometimes brassy,
but a wonderful Sistah friend
and always classy.

We met at a job & bonded quickly over our love for music & dancing, that's why I affectionately called her Ms.Tina . Bettina loved her family immensely, and she will be missed intensely. She's gone too soon, but never forgotten
Sincerely, with much Love
Darlene Lee Sister in Christ





"Spread your wings and fly free.

Catch me somewhere between the sky and the sea."





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