



## Olivia Beatrice Palmer

July 25, 1937 - December 5, 2024

### Betty's Journey

On the morning of Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 5:56 am at Tidal Health Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland, the Lord sent His angels down from heaven to welcome Olivia (Betty) Palmer through the pearly gates. She reached out her arms and said, "Lord here I am. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course and I'm ready for my crown."

Betty was the fourth child of five children born to the union of the late John Edward Gale and Carrie Hester Gale. She was born on July 25, 1937 in Salisbury, Maryland.

As a young girl, Betty attended Grace United Methodist Church in New Town with her parents and grandmother Olivia. She received her formal education in the Wicomico County School System.

Betty was employed at Peninsula General Hospital, now known as Tidal Health Hospital. She worked for thirty-six (36) years as a Supervisor and Nutritionist Assistant and was known as "Mrs. Perfection" until her retirement in 1999. During her employment there, she met her husband, Roosevelt Palmer, with whom she shared fifty-six (56) wonderful years. Betty absolutely loved being with her family and looked forward the holidays.

She later gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Mount Enoch Holy Church, where she was a faithful member of the Usher Board, the Senior Choir and Secretary for the Senior Board.

Betty leaves to cherish loving memories: her husband, Roosevelt Palmer of Salisbury, Maryland; only child, Deborah Coles of Salisbury, Maryland; three grandchildren, Chontá (Barry, Sr.) Gaines of Salisbury, Maryland, Tyrone Hardy, Jr. of Salisbury, Maryland and Danielle (James) Walton of Kannapolis, North Carolina; 6 great grandchildren, Chrishauna Carter, Barry Gaines, Jr., Chontiana Gaines, Tymere Handy, Brylin Coles and Jai Walton as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, John Edward Gale and Carrie Hester Gale, Betty was preceded in death by her brothers, Jessie, Joe and Walter (Snook) Gale and one sister, Lillie Mae Wright.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,  
THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Enoch Holy Church  
28055 Rockawalkin Ridge Road  
Salisbury, MD

## Funeral Service

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - December 14, 2024 at 01:04 PM

DB

*My deepest condolences to Betty's family. Betty was my supervisor in the dietary department at Peninsula General Hospital. She was an awesome, stern, yet a fair supervisor. I smile while typing this message because Betty would send any and everybody to look for me on the floors as I were delivering meals. I stopped and talked with patients and Betty was always looking or sending someone to find me. 😂. Betty was my supervisor for five years. Her facial expression was enough to keep us straight on the job. Rest In Peace, Betty. I have fond memories of you.*

**Doretha Bounds Burrell** - December 16, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Olivia Beatrice Palmer*



**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - December 13, 2024 at 07:59 PM

NW

“ *My deepest condolences to all family and friends of Ms. Betty. Praying God heals broken hearts. Rest peacefully, you certainly still live on through your twin daughter "Debbie". Sing with the angels.*

**Nina Wallace** - March 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM

DB

“ With deepest heartfelt sympathy .  
God’s comfort and peace to the family 🙏  
Deborah V Bailey

Deborah Bailey - December 14, 2024 at 04:51 PM

NB

“ Sending condolences to the family of the late Betty Palmer as I  
knew her. Betty and I worked together at The Old PGH in dietary for  
a number of years. Rest easy my friend will be missing you. Norma  
Lee Boston and family.

Norma Lee Boston - December 14, 2024 at 10:29 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - December 11, 2024 at 06:31 AM

CG

Thank You

Chonta Gaines - December 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM

LC

C condolences and prayer to the family. I think I might’ve gone to  
school with her. My name is Irma NUTTER Curry from Nanticoke

Irma Curry - December 19, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LC

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from Nanticoke.

Irma Curry - December 19, 2024 at 01:31 PM