



## Mrs. Bettie Jean Cooper-Whitworth

August 9, 1956 - April 25, 2021

Mrs. Bettie Jean Cooper-Whitworth, 64 of McComb, MS and a native of Greenville, MS, peacefully passed away from this earthly life of labor to a rewarded eternal life in heaven on April 25, 2021 at her residence in McComb. Mrs. Whitworth was born August 9, 1956 in Greenville, MS to Mr. M.C. Cooper and Mrs. Alice M. Wright-Cooper.

Bettie confessed a belief in Jesus Christ and was baptized by Rev. Willie Newton, Pastor of Bell Grove Church. She was the seventh of ten children. Bettie attended Greenville Public Schools and graduated from Greenville High School. After graduation, she attended and graduated from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, with a BS Degree in Special Education. She received a Master's Degree in Education (with Distinction) from Gannon University in Erie Pennsylvania. She worked for Pennsylvania Public School System for thirty-three (33) years with special need students - nurturing and teaching them life and occupational skills. Bettie was a Soror of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was married in 1978 to Burrell Whitworth Jr. This union produced three children - Brian, Breah, and Britnie. Bettie is preceded in death by her parents, MC and Alice Mae Cooper; two sisters - Beverly S. Cooper Stringfellow and Alpine Cooper; one brother - M C Cooper, Jr. Her mother-in-law and father-in-law Annette and Burrell Whitworth, Sr. and brother-in-law Randolph Martin. She is survived by her husband of forty-three years, Burrell Whitworth, Jr. one son- Brian Whitworth of Denver, CO; two daughters-

Breah Whitworth of Mt. Joy, PA; Britnie Whitworth of Lancaster, PA. Two grandchildren- Doc MC Ali Whitworth and Royce A. Cartier. Four sisters- Lynell Cooper and Lottie C. (Johnnie) Wright of Greenville, MS. Odelia Cooper of Elizabeth, MS and Patricia R. Blandford of Memphis, TN. Two brothers - Jerry Cooper of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and Terry Cooper of Greenville, MS. Three sister-in-laws - Seana Rhea of St. Rose, LA, Claraetta (Roy) Jenkins of Ruth, MS, Cynthia (Kenny) O'Banner of Plano, Texas and three brother-in-laws - Willie Ray Martin of Inglewood, CA; Charles Martin and Robert Harness of Jayess, MS. She also leaves to cherish her memories a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

A visitation for Mrs. Whitworth will be held Friday, April 30, 2021 at Craft Funeral Home in McComb, MS from 5pm until 7pm. Her graveside funeral service will be held 2pm Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Lakewood Cemetery in Greenville, MS. Pastor Cameron Jenkins will officiate the service. Interment will follow in the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Autism Speaks.

Let us please remember the mask wearing and social distancing guidelines that have been put in place for the safety of us all.

Please share condolences at [www.craftfuneralhome.org](http://www.craftfuneralhome.org). Also, services may be viewed online via <http://www.facebook.com/pg/myopportunity.cc>

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery

Pickett St.  
Greenville, MS 38703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Craft Funeral Home  
210 Martin Luther King Dr  
McComb, MS 39648  
(601) 684-5971  
info@craftfuneralhome.org  
<https://www.craftfuneralhome.org/>

## Graveside Services

MAY **1**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery  
Pickett St.  
Greenville, MS 38703

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bettie Jean Cooper-Whitworth*

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October 09, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Bettie was an amazing women! I was privileged to work with her at Hamilton Elementary School in Lancaster, PA. Bettie had such grace and style about her . We shared a couple of shopping trips to King Of Prussia to help me elevate my style to her level! She will be missed by all. My condolences to her family. Bettie was so very proud of her children and shared many stories of their successes. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Marijo Sanson** - June 02, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Bettie was a wonderful, supportive, and fun co-worker! I loved working with her in Lancaster at Hamilton! She was always very helpful with fashion advice (I needed all the help I could get), encouraging and supportive! I will always remember Bettie's huge heart and bright smile! I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Joanna Whitcraft** - June 02, 2021 at 12:09 PM

LT

“ Dear Whitworth Family,  
I worked with Bettie at Hamilton in SDoL for many years! Her influence on knowledge, and fashion :), will continue to spread through the staff members who loved her and the students who learned from her. She lit many lights that will never be dimmed. My deepest condolences on your loss.  
Laura Trimble

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**Laura M Trimble** - June 02, 2021 at 10:21 AM

VB

“ Burrell (Red), Brian, Breah and Britnie,  
It is with sadness as I write this on behalf of myself and family. Our prayers and love are with you all. Please accept our deepest condolences. Through the years that we knew Bettie, we shared laughter, joy, and now we share pain at her passing.

*We will cherish the memories we shared with Bettie over the many years but the time spent last July before moving back to Mississippi has now become extra special.*

*May God comfort you and bring you healing. Bettie's jovial spirit will be missed, wherever she would bring laughter to brighten any room. Rest well my sweet, sweet Soror.*

*We love you Whitworth Family and are only a phone call away.*

*Brother James Gates  
Beta Gamma  
Soror Valerie Bates-Gates  
Harrisburg Alumnae*

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**Valerie D Bates-Gates** - May 01, 2021 at 03:05 PM

EA

“ To Bro. Burrell Whitworth & Family:

*Praying for our chapter brother and his beloved family during the home-going of Bettie. May God be with you all in this season of difficulty and sorrow. Please know that the Men of Eta Chapter stand ready to assist and support you all through this difficult journey. In trying and emotional times as this, we can be assured that Earth has no sorrow that God cannot heal and God is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think.*

*We pray that you all find solace, comfort, and peace in Philippians 4: 4-13. Our beloved sister Bettie is resting safely in the Arms of Our Lord.*

*Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Alcorn State University) & Eta Alumni Association, Inc.*

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**Eta Alumni Association** - May 01, 2021 at 08:17 AM

FM

“ *My Most Sincere Sympathies To The Family and Wish You All Comfort And Peace Of Mind....Faye Wiley Matthews - GHS OF "1974."*

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**Faye Matthews** - April 30, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family during this difficult time.*  
~~~~*Craft Funeral Home & Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel*

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**Crystal Renee Hollins** - April 30, 2021 at 04:18 PM

HG

*To the Whitworth Family  
It is with a heavy heart I offer these words of comfort to my Fraternity  
Brother, Homeboy, Family members and Friend. I will always be  
connected with you in spirit and always cherish the memories of our  
youthful adult years. Trust in God and know we are thinking of you all.  
Hugh Wall Green and Family*

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**Hugh Green** - April 30, 2021 at 09:56 PM

HS

“ *Brother Burrell & Family,*

*The Men of Zeta Pi Chapter (Erie, PA) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,  
Inc. mourn the loss of your wife (Betty). It is in times like this, that  
we must hold on to God's unchanging hand. Only God is able to  
bring us through a time like this. But know, your Brothers, who have  
sworn a bond to you, feel your pain and sorrow. We are praying for  
your help and continued strength. As your tears flow, let them be  
tears of joy, for the love and care you each shared one with another.  
If we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call on us.*

*Brother Homer Smith, KRS  
Zeta Pi Chapter*

*Zeta Pi Chapter  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
P.O. Box 877  
Erie, PA 16512-0877*

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**Homer Smith** - April 29, 2021 at 09:58 AM

CJ

“ *Sister-In-Law, this is not goodbye, just sail-on until we meet again.  
Love you and will keep your memories dear to my heart. Rest Easy  
Bettie Cooper Whitworth!*

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**Claraetta W. Jenkins** - April 28, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Rest easy in Heaven sweet sister-in-law!* 💔  
~ Cynthia

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**Cynthia Whitworth O'Banner** - April 27, 2021 at 09:31 PM