



## Ms. Monica A. Bean

October 1, 1939 - September 14, 2025

Ms. Monica Bean, age 85, of Gainesville, FL, transitioned from labor to reward on September 14, 2025, in Gainesville, FL.

The service for Mrs. Monica Bean will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Monica Albertina Bean was born on the Island of Jamaica on October 1st, 1939, to Esmerelda and Alexander Bean. She went to abide with her heavenly Father on Sunday, September 14 at 9:45am. Friends and family called her Betty. She was raised with six older brothers and sisters, a host of cousins, and many animals on her parents' farm in the country. She treasured these early memories in the country, and she fondly referred to them as the best days of her life. She often stated, "I'm a country girl, and there's no better life." She emigrated to the United States in her early twenties and settled in Brooklyn, New York. She worked as a key punch operator for Bloomingdale's Department store for over 30 years. Monica was a fashionista from her early days in Jamaica. Working for Bloomingdale's allowed her to hone in on her love for style and fashion. She was known for her many fabulous hats and scarves. Her hobbies included cooking, baking, candy making, sewing, and gardening. She made a lot of her clothes and sewed for family and friends. She eventually owned and operated a Caribbean restaurant in Brooklyn New York with a sister. There she displayed her culinary talents for several years.

She made chocolate candies, and she baked wedding and holiday cakes. She was a member of the Fenimore United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York for over 50 years. There she served the Lord in several roles, including singing in the choir. She loved to sing, and she sang at family funerals. She had a strong work ethic, and she had a talent for saving money, and making the most of a dollar. She was kind to everyone, she gave to everyone, and she wanted to help everyone. She retired from Bloomingdale's in her early sixties and embarked on extensive traveling.

She visited Europe, Canada, much of the United States including Hawaii, and she cruised to several Caribbean islands. Her favorite country was Australia. She loved its similarities to Jamaica. In 2003, she relocated from New York to Gainesville, Florida to join her daughter and only grandson. She joined Mt. Pleasant United Methodist church and served in several ways. She loved going to church and rarely missed Sunday service until her illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings Rumolena, Vanesence, Linda, Elieze, Hornimous, and Leyland. She is survived by her daughter, Maxine, Grandson, Stephen, fifteen nieces, and nine nephews who fondly refer to her as "Aunt Bett".

In her childhood years, her mother made daily bible reading a mandatory household habit. During her illness, she walked around the house with her big fat, heavily annotated bible until it became too heavy for her to carry as her body became weaker and more fragile under the weight of her disease. Monica's most significant life accomplishment was getting to know, loving, and serving the Lord.

\*Monica/Mother/Betty/Aunt Bett/Grandma, we miss you madly!!\*

Final and most sacred arrangements are entrusted to the professional care of Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th, Ave, Gainesville, FL, 32601.



# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Pleasant United Church Cemetery

2837 NW 13th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32607

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church  
630 NW 2nd Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Mother, it has become a habit to visit with you here every day. I am still trying to process the pain of losing you so soon, and in such a manner. As you always said, "no one knows what's going to happen to them in life." That is such a perfectly true and profound statement. You lived a happy and blessed life, and I am so grateful for that.*

*I miss you much.*

*Love always,*

*Maxine*

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**Maxine** - October 12, 2025 at 04:10 AM

DD

“ *Aunt Betty*  
*I will always remember you...*

*Lovely soul!* 

*Dee Duhaney*

*{Niece}* 

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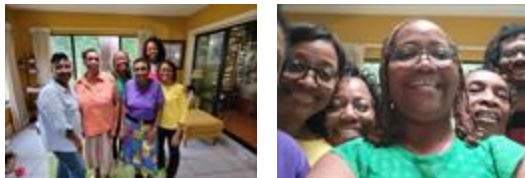
**Dawn Marie Duhaney** - October 03, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AG

“ It takes a village and Aunt Betty was part of my village. Growing up, I felt Aunt Betty’s love and support. I remember Aunt Betty sewing an outfit for my 4th grade spring dance festival. I was so excited to wear it. It was beautiful! Aunt Betty used to stop by to visit us (Hazel, Checo, Judith, Trudy and me) with her warm bright smile ready to tell jokes and infectious laughs. As the years passed and Daddy (Checo) became bedridden with Alzheimer’s, Aunt Betty would bring smoothies and other puréed healthy foods for Daddy to eat. Aunt Betty was always thinking of ways to help. I will always remember Aunt Betty’s smile and infectious laugh!

🙏 Rest In Peace 🙏

Love,  
Arlene



Arlene Guerrier - October 02, 2025 at 10:48 PM

JH

I will truly miss Aunt Betty. She was always telling jokes to make us laugh. My special moment with Aunt Betty, Mommy, Aunt Van, Aunt Leve, Aunt Lus, Cousin Edlin and Me in Aunt Leve's apartment trying to put slices of my wedding cake into boxes for my guests. It was a family affair. ❤️ R.I.P. Aunt Betty 🙏🥹💔🌹🕊️  
Love, Judith

Judith Hinds - October 03, 2025 at 08:31 AM

TW

“ Aunt Betty...you were apart of my childhood and my adult memories. You were at all the family events. Always telling a good story and flashing your incredible smile. When I attended Junior High, you opened a quaint lil store that sold your home made baked goods. My friend and I would stop in after school, since it was only a mere 3 blocks away. May you rest well..you are now with your Savior, who you spoke of every chance you had. We will miss you! - Trudy



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**T Wilkins** - October 02, 2025 at 08:35 PM

CK

*My sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Claudette Knuckle-Dougan** - October 03, 2025 at 11:07 AM

DB

“ My dear Aunt Betty I will always treasure the time we spent together last December and the memories of that time will stay with me forever. We talked, we joked and we laughed. It's so sad that I will no longer hear your voice and your laughter. Maxine, we send our deepest condolences to you and Stephen for your loss. We, her nephews , will all miss Aunt Betty, and our lives will be sadder in her passing. Always and forever in our hearts. Dannie, Dale, Boz, Byron and Lorne..

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**dannie bean** - October 02, 2025 at 02:03 PM

EC

*My dear beloved Aunt Bett you're a wonderful person, you're always there for us in our sorrows & Joy , I'm going to miss your phone calls, your encouragement it was knowing you all my life, I'm so saddened of your passing, sleep in eternal peace my lovely take your rest, your niece Edlin .*

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**Edlin Chambers** - October 02, 2025 at 11:49 PM

SG

“ *My sincerest sympathies to Maxine and her family. I will always remember your mom as a "sophisticated dresser". The last time I saw her, she gave me long lasting advice on how to wear jackets and tops. Ms. Monica's journey on this earth is ended but her memory will live on. 🙏🙏*

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**Subrenna Gomez** - October 01, 2025 at 10:13 PM

DC

“ *In loving memory of my dear Grand Aunt Bet, my favorite and one who will always hold a special place in my heart. You blessed us with your beautiful voice, a gift that could brighten any room and lift any spirit. Your love for hats was unmatched—each one carrying your unique flair, grace, and elegance.*

*Aunt Bet, I know you are looking down on us all, smiling as you always did, and though you will be deeply missed, your light will never fade from our hearts. May your soul SIP (Sleep in Peace), my beloved aunt.*

*With love always,*

*Your grand nephew Delano Chambers aka Lannie*



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**Delano Chambers** - September 30, 2025 at 07:56 PM

M(

“ *Maria Graham (niece) lit a candle in memory of Ms. Monica A. Bean*



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**Maria Graham (niece)** - September 30, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BS

*My sincere condolences Maxine, my plans were to be in Florida and drive up to Gainesville, and spend some time with Betty, it was not to be, however we had some good laughs when I last spoke with her. I hope you get to that place, with all the time you have spent at church calling upon the Almighty, praise be his name in all his Holy Places and in his Realm, blessings*

**Baldwin G. Samuels** - October 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TS

“ *The Gainesville VA Hospital Nursing Supervisors purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ms. Monica A. Bean.*



**The Gainesville VA Hospital Nursing Supervisors** -  
September 29, 2025 at 10:53 AM

MC

“ *1 file added to the album*



**Maxine Campbell** - September 28, 2025 at 09:06 PM

OC

“ *Our deepest sympathy, FUMC Chancel Choir planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Monica A. Bean.*

**Our deepest sympathy, FUMC Chancel Choir** - September 25, 2025 at 08:20 PM

OC

“ Our deepest sympathy, FUMC Chancel Choir purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Monica A. Bean.



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**Our deepest sympathy, FUMC Chancel Choir** - September 25, 2025 at 08:20 PM

ML

“ The pain of losing a mother is deep and sometimes debilitating. My darling mother, we had a turbulent relationship at times, however, when your illness became vile and ferocious, I was ever so determined to care for you in the home that you knew and loved for over 22 years. Although it ripped my heart out every day to watch you battle this ferocious disease, my only recourse was to beg God for mercy every day as soon as I opened my eyes. I was grateful for every moment that I was able to serve you in some kind of way, whether it was giving you a shower, dressing you, cooking for you, or just hanging out and watching TV with you. I often think about how hard you tried to push through all the debilities that came with this disease. You were so strong and courageous. I am so grateful for having the opportunity to spend your last 2 hours with you and holding you in my arms as you took your last breath. I am both relieved and saddened in the most profound way. I think about you every day, and I hope that your burden is a lot lighter. I will love and miss you forever, and I will never forget all the support, help, and encouragement that you gave me throughout the course of my life. I can't wait to see you again.  
Love always,  
Maxine

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**Maxine I** - September 24, 2025 at 11:36 PM

AN

“ Have a wonderful sleep Aunt Bet, i will remember you always, Last time i saw you was in 2017, when you sang at MaLin funeral, you always have a beautiful voice, sorry i didn't get to see you b4 all this.

Goodbye my Auntie, see you in the great Resurrection.

Your niece

Angela.

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**Angela Graham ( niece)** - September 23, 2025 at 10:15 PM

SW

“ Ms Monica was a sweet lady, and I am honored to have been part of her life for the last year. She would ask me to walk with her, and I could never turn her down. I enjoyed my walks and her beautiful hats. One of my funny memories was sitting in my truck getting ready to leave and feeling like someone was watching me. I looked up and she was standing at my window looking at me. I opened my door, and she said, "I want to go for a walk" and that is what we did. She will be missed!

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**Stacey Wood** - September 23, 2025 at 10:30 AM

MC

“ An amazing woman who taught me the art of kindness, and how to truly care about my fellow human being.

Mother Monica, you were well known and loved.

Stephen and I miss you madly!!!

Love always, Maxine

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**Maxine Campbell** - September 21, 2025 at 11:02 PM

MG

*Ms. Monica, a beautiful woman that I had the pleasure of knowing for 18 years. Our love for plants brought us together. I fondly remember her taking her long walks every day. I would often times find her in my yard picking oranges to take home, wearing a big smile on her face. She was a sweet, caring, wonderful soul. There will be a sore emptiness at Mason Manor without her.*

Michele Gutierrez - September 22, 2025 at 08:09 AM

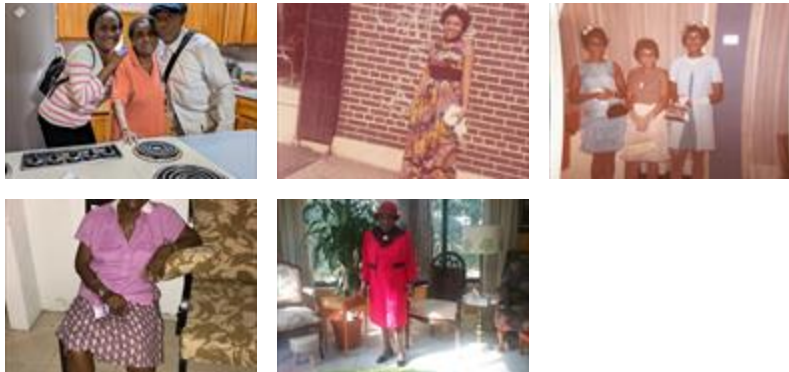
JY

*Monica and I met a couple do years ago. I would sometimes see her walking on the "path bridge " I would walk very very fast to catch up with her. We would walk and talk for long times. I would often say (as I got tired) "Are you ready to go back now"? She would laugh and say "No let's keep walking". She will be missed. We all loved her.*

Joan Yearby - September 23, 2025 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ 28 files added to the album Monica



Maxine Campbell - September 21, 2025 at 10:15 PM

LF

“ Aunt Betty, you will be remembered for your impeccable sense of style, fashion and let's not forget the hats!

Maxine and Stephen, may Aunt Betty's legacy live on through the memories you shared. May you both find comfort and strength in the love that surrounds you today and always.

Farewell, Aunt Betty!

Love,

Lorna Rose Francis



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Lorna Francis - September 21, 2025 at 02:21 PM