



Betty Jane Watkins

December 19, 1925 - August 15, 2021

Betty Jane Watkins, 95, of Huntington, WV, our precious Mother and Grandmother, entered her eternal home on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Betty was born December 19, 1925 in Huntington the daughter of the late Grace Ramsey Davis and Clayton Sovine. Her childhood years were spent growing up in Milton, WV and she was a graduate of Milton High School. Besides her parents, Mrs. Watkins was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Samuel R. Watkins, Jr, who died in 2011. Also preceding her in death was a sister, Joann Sovine Harlow; an infant daughter, Debbie Kay Watkins; and a son-in-law, Jack Kirby. Miss Betty, as she was known, served as school secretary for over 35 years at Altizer Elementary School. It was her home away from home. Her greatest joy was watching students enroll for school and come back years later and enroll their own children. She and her husband, Sam, were true supporters of the school and the community for most of their married life. Betty was a longtime member of Fellowship Baptist Church where she served as a Deacon's wife alongside of her husband and she served as a greeter for most of her 30 years there. She also was a long-time attendee at the Barboursville Senior Center. Betty was also an avid bowler in her younger days. During her latest Senior Retirement years, you would find her each morning drinking coffee and working every puzzle the Herald-Dispatch would publish. Betty is survived by, three children, son, Ricky V. Watkins (wife Martine), daughter, Kathy Watkins Kirby (Jack, deceased), and son Samuel R. Watkins III (wife Teresa). She was "MawMaw" to six grandchildren, Michelle Watkins Dearth (Dan, deceased), Joel Kirby (wife Elisha) two step great grandsons (Seth and K.J.), Kristi E. Kirby (Colin Kitts), Shelley Watkins Porter (husband Brandon), Lyndsey Watkins and Samuel "Reece" Watkins, IV. The family would like to thank Linda Ferrell for her loving care of Betty. Per Betty's wishes, private funeral services will be observed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Altizer Elementary School PSO, 250 3rd. Street Altizer, Huntington, WV 25705. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.chapmans-mortuary.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janet Messer lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Watkins*



Janet Messer - August 26, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Watkins .*



August 20, 2021 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Betty was a true friend to me when I taught Kindergarten at Altizer. I was there 26 years. I went to MU with Kathy. Betty will be missed by all*
Cathy Adams

cathy adams - August 18, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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“ *She was there when my children went to Altizer Elementary. Always so kind and very caring about everyone. She will be sadly missed. Prayers of comfort and peace*

karen frazier - August 17, 2021 at 11:07 PM

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“ *I only met Betty once but have never forgotten her kindness and pleasure in unexpected visitors. Her mother-in-law, Kate Butler Watkins, was my grandmother's sister. In the 1970's I brought my grandmother, Lenora Avanelle Butler Brumfield to visit Kate, who happened to be at Sam and Betty's house. When Betty came in, here we were, all in her living room. She wasn't the least flustered, was so gracious and kind, and even walked with us back to Kate's house. I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you peace.*

Shirley Brumfield Stone - August 17, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *She was my elementary teacher, I surprised her by having a birthday party for her. She was the best teacher! Prayers for her family.* ”

Susan Grubbs - August 17, 2021 at 02:28 PM