



Betty Ammons Harless

February 22, 1930 - October 7, 2021

Betty Ammons Harless, of Jonesville, Virginia, born on February 22, 1930, reunited with her husband, Warren, after almost 53 years, and rejoiced in the embrace of her Lord on October 7, 2021, following a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, James M. and Gladys Ammons, and siblings, Thelma C. Ammons Baker, Frances E. Ammons Mitchell, J. Manuel Ammons, Jr., T. Jackson “Jack” Ammons, Marjorie R. Ammons Mallonee, and Don B. Ammons. She is survived by her three sons, David (Debbe), Ron (Vickie), and Gary (Patti); grandchildren Sarah Fenn (Joel), Taylor Harless, Jessica Giordano (Anthony), Jordan Harless (Veronica), Kenzie DeAlto (Jesse), Kellie Marr (Josh), and Ann Warren Harless; great-grandchildren Frances, Mark, and Lisa Harless, Ronin and Morgan Fenn, and Corrie and Griffin DeAlto; and many loved nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Betty (“Mammaw”) reminded her family members of her continuous and unconditional love for each by always closing her conversations with, “Please know I love you real good and I am praying for you by name daily.” Betty also loved her church and her church family. Since 1954, she has been a member of Jonesville First Baptist Church. She was active in her Sunday School class, the Church choir, and with the Women’s Missionary Union (WMU) at the local and state levels. Never one to shy away from sharing her faith, she was an unrelenting prayer warrior and witness who influenced a great many individuals, young and old alike. During her final days, she devoted hours to

prayer for family members, church members, and friends, mentioning each by name.

Individuals influenced by Betty's life-long witness contacted her sons recently and expressed their tributes and gratitude for their mother. One man commented: "It saddens me to hear of your mom's status, but she has had a great life and it warms my heart to think of her being reunited with your dad. Her kindness, caring and commitment to faith impacted me greatly at a very important time in my life, and I am a better person because of her." Another marveled that Betty had raised three sons, ages 10-13, after her husband Warren, a Virginia State Trooper, was killed in the line of duty in 1968. He remarked: "You may not realize it but your mother is one of the most special people I have ever met. I have used your mother as an example of the best Christian I know. She has been an example I have looked up to and used my whole life.... She remained true to herself, her church and her community. She is a strong mother to raise three let's say rambunctious boys. All who turned out great. You all have one of the best examples of what God meant when he used the word mother in the Bible."

Betty will be especially remembered by a group of Christian women and men with whom she shared fellowship, Christian love, and competitive gaming skills. These men and women were caregivers for Betty in her final years, and included Linda Starnes, Ginger and Mike Watson, Linda Coleman, Wayne and Malinda Maness, Wheeler Denson, Hillary Summerton, Pam Taylor, and so many others.

The family wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Although Betty's stay there was brief, the medical treatment, personal care, compassion, and support was unsurpassed. The staff there provided Betty another "family" to love her and see her off on her heavenly journey.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, in the Family Life Center at Jonesville First Baptist Church, Jonesville, VA. A funeral service celebrating Betty's life and resurrection will follow at 7:00 p.m., with Rev. Rob Haynes officiating. Burial will be the following day, Friday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m., in Knollkreg Memorial Park, 556 Walden Rd NE, Abingdon, VA 24210.

During visitation and the indoor services, and for the health of the family and all guests, please observe the CDC's COVID 19 recommendations concerning social distancing and the wearing of a mask.

The funeral service will be streamed live and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchJonesvilleVA/>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Family Life Center Building Fund or the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in care of the Jonesville First Baptist Church, Jonesville, VA 24263.

Cemetery Details

Knollkreg Memorial Park

556 Walden Rd. NE
Abingdon, VA 24210

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jonesville
Jonesville, VA

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jonesville
Jonesville, VA

Graveside service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Knollkreg Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ammons Harless*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *I met Betty and got to know her through exercise classes. She a leader and was so naturally so. I admire her greatly. She was so accepting of everyone. She made us all feel like her special friend and although she said nothing to us when we slacked, she gave us special attention to get back on track. She loved us to do good. I have worked with her for the last five years. I am sure my health and mobility is better for the efforts she “invited” me to be involved.*



I loved her and am a better Christian because of her role model. I will miss her terribly and I know will everybody.

She was the definition of Mother, friend, Christian.

sue Ella Kobak - October 19, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet mother. Prayers for Ronnie, Gary, and David.*



Susan Bartley Widener - October 15, 2021 at 05:02 PM

MJ

“ Dear Betty came into my life later as the volunteer swim instructor of a group of marvelous women. She not only helped me physically but spiritually and I will always treasure her.



Melanie Jorgensen - October 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

SH

“ David, Ronnie, and Gary, I am thinking of you during this sad time. Betty was one of the nicest ladies I have had the pleasure of knowing. She will be missed.



Sammie Horton - October 14, 2021 at 10:02 PM

JW

“ Judy Williams lit a candle in memory of Betty Ammons Harless



Judy Williams - October 14, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JW

David, Ron & Gary your Mother was always a blessing to us. She was always there for guidance when my children were growing up in the church. She was a wonderful lady, beautiful inside and out. I feel privileged to have known her. My condolences to all. Judy Carroll Williams

Judy Carroll Williams - October 14, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Ammons Harless.*



October 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Ammons Harless.*



October 14, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Debbie Mullins Dingus lit a candle in memory of Betty Ammons Harless*



Debbie Mullins Dingus - October 12, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Ammons Harless.*



October 12, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Betty Ammons Harless.*



October 12, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Capital Region Airport Commission/RIC purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty Ammons Harless.*



Capital Region Airport Commission/RIC - October 12, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Carla Crowder lit a candle in memory of Betty Ammons Harless*



Carla Crowder - October 10, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Jimmy And Teresa Moore lit a candle in memory of Betty Ammons Harless*



jimmy and teresa moore - October 10, 2021 at 06:29 PM

JM

Betty was a sweet ,kind lady and much more, she always thought of others, we will miss her. We will be praying for her family.

jimmy and teresa moore - October 10, 2021 at 06:36 PM

CK

“ I will always remember Betty as one of the most Godly women I’ve ever known. She was so sweet and loving with everyone she met. I’m so glad that my sister (Edwina) and I went to see her a couple of years ago and had a nice long visit. I was blessed to have grown up in the church with her and her boys. I know my mom is so happy to see her in heaven. Love and prayers to the 3 boys, David , Ron, and Gary.

Cathy and David Kinsler

cathy kinsler - October 10, 2021 at 02:24 PM

C"

“ Getting together last February for Aunt Betty's birthday was the memory we all needed since we hadn't had a family reunion in a couple of years. I miss all of the family reunions listening to all the Ammons' sibilings laugh and talk about growing up. I'm glad they are all laughing together once again and reunited for eternity.

Christina Andrade "Carter" - October 10, 2021 at 11:46 AM

GH

“ David , Ronnie and Gary , So sorry to hear of Aunt Bettys passing . Please accept Linda's and I's deepest condolences. What a reunion in heaven this must be ! I have fond memories of us at family reunions and at the houseboat in Jonesville and later visiting Gary and his wife, when I worked in Norton, Va. Aunt Betty was a wonderful and beautiful person . Glenn and Linda Harless Nashville , Tennessee

Glenn Harless - October 09, 2021 at 08:42 PM

KW

“ *Betty was such a special person. She was a wonderful mentor. She was always ready to listen. She has laughed with me, and cried with me. I will always be grateful to God for her friendship. My life was brighter for having a friend in Betty Harless!!*

Kathy Wolfe - October 09, 2021 at 07:34 PM