



Betty Kathryn Goe Collins

June 7, 1939 - March 30, 2022

Betty Kathryn Goe Collins, age 82, of Forrest City, died Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at her home in Forrest City. She was surrounded by her loved ones after a lengthy illness. In her words, “don't worry about me, my family is waiting at the gate and soon I will be walking on the streets of gold”.

Mrs. Collins was born June 7, 1939, in West Memphis, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Goe, was a registered nurse and later joined her husband in the family business, National Carpet One, was a member of the Womens Missionary Union, Senior Choir, Happy Dayers, Cosmos Club, American Cancer Society, Musical Coterie and the Garden Club. Her family life was built around First Baptist Church, many life long friendships were built there and she considered this one of her greatest gifts from God. She demonstrated the importance of family to everyone who knew her. She became a Razorback fan by proxy through her husband, Bryan. She was a die hard St. Louis Cardinals fan until the day she died. She considered Wainwright and Molina her guys.

Mrs. Collins married Bryan Greer Collins in 1963, and he preceded her in death in 2016. She is survived by one son, Hank Collins of Forrest City, two daughters; Karri Gregory of Forrest City and Ann Collins Moody, and husband, Craig, of Memphis, six grandchildren who were the joy of her life; Mary Gregory Brown, and husband, Jon, of Wynne, Hannah Gregory Steadman, and husband, Jesse, of Allen, Texas, Molly Collins, Avery Collins

and Peyton Collins, all of Forrest City, and McKinley Moody of Memphis, and three great-grandchildren; Ezekiel Steadman, Oaklen Brown, and Adalynn Boothe and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers; Arthur Goe, John Goe, Billy Goe, Henry Goe, Danny Goe, and two sisters; Lucy Hatton and Mary Jones.

Services for Mrs. Collins will be held at the First Baptist Church, 2:30 P.M., Sunday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, 1:00 P.M, until the time of the service, at the church.

Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
507 N. Rosser
Forrest City, AR 72335

Funeral Service

APR 3. 2:30 PM (CT)

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507 N. Rosser
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Interment

APR 3 (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Kathryn Goe Collins*



Shirley Williams Thorn - April 05, 2022 at 05:35 PM

KG

Thank you so much, Shirley 💜

Karri Gregory - April 10, 2022 at 11:27 PM

MT

“ *Memories of your mom and dad*

Betty and Bryan have been very close friends to me and George.

We lived in Forrest City 10 years—1966-1976.

We came to Forrest City right out of college to teach school. George was hired to be the Jr. High School Choral

director. After moving there we joined First Baptist Church. The Lord began blessing us with a wonderful group

of Christian friends, which included Betty and Bryan. The Pastor of FBC at this time was Brother Bobby Moore,

who had a gift of Evangelism. He loved driving a bus to pick up children and bring them to church to hear the

stories of Jesus. He wanted to train people to know how to share Jesus with others, so an EE (Evangelism

Explosion) course was offered. So I signed up along with Betty and Bryan and many others. During this course,

we learned scriptures, practiced sharing the gospel message, and if time permitted we would practice sharing

our testimony. After practicing, then each team of 3 would go out into neighborhoods, knock on doors, and

share the gospel. We took turns each week sharing. One evening it was my turn to share my testimony (which

I never got to practice in class). Well, I was most embarrassed, because I discovered that I had no testimony

to share. When we returned to the church I said to Betty, “I could not share because I do not have a

testimony. I sense that something is missing in my life.” Betty said something to me that was very profound.

She said to me, “Have you ever confessed with your mouth the LORD Jesus?” (These very words were given to

her by the Holy Spirit). How do I know these words were given to me by the Holy Spirit because these words

brought conviction to my soul.

I said to her, “No, I have never confessed with my mouth the LORD Jesus.” So right then I asked Jesus

to forgive my sins, and asked Him to come into my life. That night Betty got to see Jesus transform her friend--

*a sinner saved by His grace. Thank you Betty.
Going down memory lane in short: great times traveling together to
Alaska, Utah, etc. playing bridge every Friday
night. You and Bryan coming to visit us many times in South Texas.
Hank and Gray being friends. Going to Memphis
to a Bill Gothard Seminar—our children being at the church when a
terrible tornado hit. Got back to the church
God in His goodness saved our children and the workers.
I will miss you lots dear friend, but we will see each other one day. I
know you are loving your new home with Jesus who
loves you most. In Christ, George and Mary Frances Townsend*

Mary Frances Townsend - April 02, 2022 at 11:20 PM

KG

*I love the words you shared here, thank you so much. Mom and dad
sure loved y'all. I'm so glad we got to spend time with y'all this past
year! Thank y'all so much for attending her service 💜*

Karri Gregory - April 10, 2022 at 11:25 PM

JM

“*Betty was my husband's private nurse through a long difficult
illness. She was kind, thoughtful and a huge comfort for all of us.
We were friends through First Baptist Church and continued to stay
in touch throughout the years. She will be missed.
Jennie Morgan and family*

Jennie Morgan - April 01, 2022 at 09:37 PM

KG

Thank you, Mrs. Morgan. She loved you 💜 and enjoyed your calls.

Karri Gregory - April 10, 2022 at 11:28 PM