



## Betty Mills

November 3, 1929 - October 26, 2020

Betty Peterson Mills, aged 90, passed away October 26, 2020 at NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jonesboro. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil Forrester, and her second husband, Ellis Mills, her parents, Ruby and John Peterson, and two brothers, Jack Peterson (Avis) and Daniel Peterson (Willene). She is survived by her children Vicki (Brian) Downs, Chuck (Vicki) Forrester, Leith (Randy) Hoggard and Don (Elizabeth) Mills; grandchildren David (Erin) Downs, Kristin Downs, Matthew (Brittney) Downs, Kara (Bryan) Southerland, Rebekah Hoggard, Emma Hoggard, Paxton Mills, Sydney Mills, John Stephen Mills, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was born in Hope, AR and moved to Forrest City, AR at the age of ten. She graduated from Forrest City High School, where she was an All-State athlete (basketball), the DAR Good Citizenship Girl, cheerleader and yearbook beauty. She was inducted into the Forrest City Sports Hall of Fame.

Through the years, she worked at the Eaton Yale & Towne Corporation, Baptist Memorial Hospital and for private anesthesiologists until her retirement in 2001. In 2011, she moved to Saint Bernard Village in Jonesboro. In declining health, she moved to Ridgecrest Health & Rehabilitation in 2018.

Betty committed her life to Christ while in high school, and she never hesitated

in sharing God's love and encouragement. One of her greatest blessings was teaching the word of God as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Forrest City. The loves of her life were her faith, family and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held on October 30 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Each attendee is respectfully requested to wear a mask. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) to sign the online registry.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Cemetery  
Highway 284  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Chuck, please know how sorry I am for you and your family to learn that your mother has gone on to be with the Lord. She was a wonderful person, so very kind to my mom especially after mom developed vision problems. I know there was a great reunion in Heaven when she arrived. I know you will miss her terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Allen and Sharon Perry

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**Sharon Perry** - November 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

ST

“ Shirley W. Thorn lit a candle in memory of Betty Mills



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**Shirley W. Thorn** - November 03, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JS

“ Undoubtedly, one of the nicest ladies that I have meet in my life. I remember, in my early Forrest City days, Don played for our Jaycee Youth Football teams. Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Betty were always there, with Don and Leith for practices and our Saturday morning games.  
She was a jewel, and always remembered me when i visited FC and ran into her.  
God bless her family and friends during this great loss.

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**jerry Shipley** - November 02, 2020 at 07:09 PM

RR

“ Just saw this, so sorry for your loss. Lots of memories to cherish. Loved to hear about how she and Jeannie Bassett grew up together and oh the stories they could tell. May God comfort you all.

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**Ruby Colvin Rogers** - October 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

GS

“ Don and all family members, I wanted to express our family's heartfelt condolences as your mother's passing. She sounded like a truly wonderful lady who touched the lives of all her knew her and I've no doubt she took so much pride and joy in her children, grandchildren, and family members. Grace and peace to you all as you mourn her passing.

Sincerely,  
Greg & Alisa Spence & family  
Sharon Spence Langley & family

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**Greg Spence** - October 30, 2020 at 12:47 AM

MM

“ I am so saddened by your beloved mother's passing, but am rejoicing with you all in the knowledge that she is in the presence of the Lord she loved so much. I was blessed to be able to know Mrs. Betty in her later years in Jonesboro through Leith's Bible study. She made such an impact on me with her upbeat attitude, warmth, and kindness, and I grew to love her dearly over the past several years. I know her absence will be felt greatly by all of her family, and I pray for peace and comfort for you all in the months ahead.  
Love and prayers,  
Mollie Moore

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**Mollie Moore** - October 29, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DM

*i AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MRS. BETTY. SHE WAS A VERY SWEET LADY. I USED TO GO TO CHURCH WITH HER. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. I KNOW SOME OF YOU BUT PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND PEACE ARE WITH YOU!!*

**DONNA DEVAZIER MORGAN** - October 29, 2020 at 06:04 PM

VW

*“ Chuck and Vicki--I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.  
Vickie Neal Willmuth  
NBFA Class of 76.*

**Vickie Neal Willmuth** - October 29, 2020 at 10:48 AM

GM

*“ I always though Betty was one of the prettiest women, but she was also a very sweet and gracious lady.*

**Gloria Moody** - October 28, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KM

*“ Betty was such a dear person. She was always cheerful and thoughtful. She and my mama used to share twins later in life stories! We all loved Mrs. Betty including our kids.  
Kathy M*

**Kathy Meredith** - October 28, 2020 at 07:03 PM

EH

*“ I am sad to see that Betty passed, we bought our first home in Beech Grove from Betty. She was always so bubbly and full of energy! Now she can Rest In Peace. 🙏*



**Eva Hollowell** - October 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM