



Betty Jean Benford

June 11, 1940 - June 26, 2023

Betty Jean Benford, 83, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, June 26, 2023, at her residence surrounded by family. She was born June 11, 1940, to Aggie, Sr. and Elizabeth Richardson. Betty was a 1961 graduate of Howard High School. She then attended Chattanooga State Community College. Betty retired from Erlanger Hospital after 40 years of dedicated service. She worked for the Election Commission for many years. Betty was a devoted and faithful member of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church where she served as the Past President of the Usher's Ministry. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Benford; parents, Aggie, Sr. and Elizabeth Richardson; brothers, James Harrington, Aggie Richardson, Jr., Matthew Richardson, and Tony Richardson; sister, Virginia Richardson; in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benford. Survivors include her loving and dedicated children, Sandra Stegall, Anthony Benford, both of Chattanooga, Michael (Gwendolyn) Benford of Powder Springs, GA, and Ramon Benford of Chattanooga; sister, Angela Williams of Chattanooga; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Betty will lie-in-state on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL **5**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JUL **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ *Gloria Frances Williams lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Gloria Frances Williams - July 06, 2023 at 07:36 PM

CS

“ *I worked with Mrs. Betty years ago, when she was at Erlanger. Mrs. Betty was one of the nicest persons I have met. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. May God bless and keep you all.*



C. Smith - July 06, 2023 at 01:08 PM

VB

“ *Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Vincinetta Brown - July 05, 2023 at 11:47 PM

VB

Our sincere condolences and prayers are with the Benfird family during their time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you in the days ahead. Vincinetta Brown and family.

Vincinetta Brown - July 05, 2023 at 11:50 PM

PF

“ My prayers and condolences to the Benford Family. My mother, Daisy Ford and myself served alongside Betty in the Usher Ministry at Mt Canaan Baptist Church for many years. May God give you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. - Priscilla “Pat” Ford



Priscilla Ford - July 05, 2023 at 05:26 PM

LP

“ Always friend that I will surely miss. Rest in peace and peace to your family

Linda Pride - July 05, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SW

“ To the family and especially Sandra,

Sending heartfelt sympathy and love to you. May the Lord send you peace in this time of sorrow and grant you the hope of a sweet reunion with your dear Mother.

With Agape' love,

*Sharon Hester Winston
Ooltewah*

Sharon Winston - July 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Benford.*



July 03, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Carolyn Bailey lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Carolyn Bailey - July 03, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Brenda Walker lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Brenda Walker - July 03, 2023 at 07:27 AM



Sending love to the family praying God will give you peace and comfort
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Brenda Walker - July 03, 2023 at 07:30 AM

MB

“ *Praying for the family in these trying times
Seabron and Mickey Battle*



Mickey Battle - July 02, 2023 at 09:07 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in
memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - July 02, 2023 at 04:40 PM

SB

“ *Sherine Bryant lit a candle in memory of Betty
Jean Benford*



Sherine Bryant - July 02, 2023 at 07:06 AM

DH

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the
Benford family. Betty was my friend and co-
worker at Erlanger for many years.*



Delilah Harris~Scott - July 01, 2023 at 03:24 PM

LP

Always a. Friend and coworker, she will be missed may she rest in peace

Linda Pride - July 02, 2023 at 01:44 PM

KG

I worked with Betty at Erlanger quite a few years ago. Betty and James use to drive me home after 2nd shift. She was a very nice person. I remember seeing her at voting pole a few years back. May God comfort you in your time of bereavement. Think of the good times, times of laughter.

Katherine Garth - July 02, 2023 at 06:02 PM

MJ

“ *MICHAEL JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



MICHAEL JACKSON - July 01, 2023 at 06:31 AM

VB

“ *Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Vincinetta Brown - July 01, 2023 at 06:24 AM

VB

Our sincere condolences and prayers are with the Benford family. May God grant you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Vincinetta Brown - July 01, 2023 at 06:29 AM

LD

“ *Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Linda Daniels - June 30, 2023 at 09:41 AM

MR

“ *Margaret Ryan lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Margaret Ryan - June 28, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - June 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM

DR

“ *Sending Condolences to our family, may God be with us, cause Absent from the body, Is Present with Our Father. We will see Betty Jean again.
Love: Helen,Pep, Hatten, & Richardson,Family.*



Doris Readus - June 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Karen Carter lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Benford*



Karen Carter - June 27, 2023 at 01:15 PM



Mrs, Betty was one of my late mother friend, sorry for family loss.

Karen Carter - June 27, 2023 at 01:18 PM



Sending prayers for the Benford family, Betty Palmer.

Betty Palmer - July 01, 2023 at 06:20 PM



I worked with Betty Benford at Erlanger , she was a nice person to work with.. Betty Palmer.

Betty Palmer - July 03, 2023 at 01:29 PM