



Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins

November 29, 1938 - July 28, 2021

Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins, 82, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at her residence. She was born on November 29, 1938, to Olden and Gentsey Willis in Molena, Georgia. She was a 1958 graduate of Pike County Consolidated School. After high school, she moved to Chattanooga, where she met and married Calvin Murray and to this union four children were born. Bettye was employed by Erlanger Hospital, Buster Brown, Inc., and retired from Royal Desota Inc. She was a faithful member of the Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and program committee. Bettye was an avid baker and a remarkably gifted seamstress for many years. She was a volunteer for Rainbow Day Care Center, CSAS, Baylor School, and First-Centenary U.M. Church Inner City Ministry. She also baked cakes for Herman's Soul Food & Catering. Her love extended far beyond her immediate family. Friends and family were always welcomed in her home with a big smile, listening ear, compassion, and a delicious meal which evolved into the Bettye's Meals on Wheels Ministry. She found love again and married Elbert Atkins, Sr. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olden and Gentsey Willis; husband, Calvin Murray; son, Anthony Murray; and daughter, Valerie Evans. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Elbert Atkins, Sr.; devoted son, Gregory (Pearl) Murray; dedicated daughter, Alicia Dianne Parks; grandchildren, Sirena (Jeff) Mendoza, David Wallace, DeAnthony (Michelle) Murray, Kansas City, MO, Jonathan (Amanda) Murray, Cullen, VA,

Marshall Parks, Madison, AL, Lakeisha Williams, great-grandchildren, Tayler, Breana, Reef, Violet, Malachi, Skylar Jean, Elijah, and Easton Calvin; brothers, Billy Willis and Roosevelt (Gloria) Willis; sisters, Bertha Mae Holloway of Columbus, OH, Alberta (Albert) Blackmon, Laura (Bo) Parks, Alice (Robert) Buckner, Lillian Lucier, all of Molena, GA, Dorothy (Rubin) Washington of Homestead, FL, and Geraldine (Henry) Crawford of Atlanta, GA; brother-in-law, Fred (Florida) Murray; godchildren, Leon Rice, K.C. Dixon, and Karen Fletcher; stepchildren, David (Wonda) Atkins of Atlanta, GA, Harriet Jackson of Austin, TX, Deborah (Forrester) Goodrich of Houston, TX, Nelle (Rodney) Freeman, Elbert (Karen) Atkins, Jr., both of Memphis, TN, Karen (Charles) Campbell, Kimberly (Darren) Carter, both of Dallas, TX, 16 step-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives; special friends, Mary Evans, Marsha Hayes, Edna Pringle, Gwen Williams and many other friends. Pastor Samuel Jackson will serve as the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG 4. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ REST PEACEFULLY IN HEAVEN WITH OUR LORD 🙏 AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 🙏 AMEN.

Sonja Jackson - August 05, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album CemeteryService-BettyeMurray-Atkins



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - August 05, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family
I cherish every word and action spoken and given.
One of the greatest I have ever met and will always remember

Meshell Smith - August 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ Meshell Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins



Meshell Smith - August 05, 2021 at 04:01 PM

LR

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family of my adopted grandmother. She was an angel sent to touch our lives, a phenomenal woman with sophistication and style who always greeted me with her beautiful smile. All her life she baked and prepared homemade dishes to fulfill our many wishes. Her work here was done and she lived a life full of fun so when your heart gets heavy or a tear drop rolls down your face please remember God called her home to a better place.

Lovora D. Rowe - August 05, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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Lovora D. Rowe - August 05, 2021 at 01:49 PM

BD

“ We was saddened to learn of the passing of Bettye, words can never express the ache we feel in our hearts when we lose a love-one, so we will simply convey our condolence to the entire family. May God grant you brighter days, from your family in Chicago.

*Our Deepest Sympathy.
Barbara, David, and Veronica Coleman.*

Barbara Davis-Coleman - August 05, 2021 at 12:00 PM

TK

“ *Tecelia Baker Keaton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins*



Tecelia Baker Keaton - August 05, 2021 at 06:28 AM

TK

“ *Ms Bettye will truly truly be missed by me and my family and friends. Whenever I go to a family get together, I was told call Ms Bettye and bring 3 cakes. From Kentucky, Alabama, Atlanta, North Carolina, don't forget the cakes. I will miss her and so will my family. RIP MS BETTYE til we meet again. Tecelia Baker Keaton.*

Tecelia Baker Keaton - August 05, 2021 at 06:27 AM

AJ

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family.* 🙏



Anita Jones - August 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



August 04, 2021 at 08:32 AM

BS

“ Sending our deepest and sincere prayers and condolences to the family! May God bring you his love and comfort during this time. Neighbor and former co-worker.
Beulah Stoudmire and Beverly (daughter)

Beverly Silva - August 03, 2021 at 11:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.



August 03, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DG

“ *Darrell and Rebecca Gaye purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.



Darrell and Rebecca Gaye - August 03, 2021 at 02:27 PM

CE

“ *Cathy Eppinger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.



Cathy Eppinger - August 03, 2021 at 12:17 PM

CH

“ With our deepest sympathy, our prayers are with the Murray Adkins family. Our memories of Sis. Bettye will be long cherished as a choir member and many other capacities in which she served. May she rest in perfect peace. She will be missed.



Connie and Walter Howard - August 03, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.



August 03, 2021 at 10:25 AM

KW

“ Kathy Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins



Kathy Wallace - August 03, 2021 at 05:58 AM

KW

Prayers for the family. We here in Texas will truly miss this wonderful lady. She always invited us into her home for Christmas with her home-made, from scratch meals and cakes. She always made us feel welcomed, comfortable, like family. We all called her Granny and enjoyed her presence and love she gave to all. You will be greatly missed.

Kathy Wallace - August 03, 2021 at 05:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



August 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Rosa Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins*



Rosa Watkins - August 02, 2021 at 04:26 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Murray and Atkins family. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

My kids loves her Key Lime Cake and they said no more key lime cake.

Rosa Watkins, Strickland and Sampson

Rosa Watkins - August 02, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *Rachel Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins*



Rachel Pennington - August 01, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



August 01, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *My Condolences to the Atkins - Murray Family
Betty was a Sweet and Caring Person She
Will Be Missed.*



DeHavilland Elder - August 01, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She will be surely missed. A talented and loving lady. Enjoyed the years of working with her at Union Hill. The family have the condolences of the Jones Family.
Ethel Jones*

Ethel Jones - July 31, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *You will be forever missed by the Ryan Family R. I. P.*



Margaret Ryan - July 31, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



July 31, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *I remember as a kid how I use to love going over to my aunt Betty's house she could make the best homemade biscuits in the world. I'm going to miss you and your cakes! Loving you always! Your niece Mylene*

Mylene - July 31, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



July 31, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



July 31, 2021 at 01:05 PM

NH

“Granny was the sweetest lady. She made everyone feel welcome and treated them as family. I still remember how she sent a whole red velvet cake with Pearl and Greg for my high school graduation and many times sent us home with our own cake to take back to TX when we would visit for Christmas. She was the sweetest lady and we will miss her so much.



Nicole Hutchison - July 31, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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Nicole Hutchison - July 31, 2021 at 09:39 AM



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July 30, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins.*



July 30, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Mrs. Bettye was the sweetest lady I loved her so much and she will be truly missed my condolences to the family*



Yahunna Wadley - July 30, 2021 at 04:39 AM



“ *Gloria Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins*



Gloria Griffin - July 29, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *On behalf of the Carter Family, we extend our heartfelt and deepest condolences to Sis. Murray-Atkin's family and friends. She was such a beautiful spirit and always had a God-given peace about her. What a blessing to have had her in our lives. Much love! Pastor Eugene Carter Jr. & Family*

Eugene Carter - July 29, 2021 at 07:49 AM

TJ

“ Prayers up for the family ! Heaven has gained an angel. I will miss the delicious red velvet cakes I get every Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Toy Jackson - July 28, 2021 at 11:08 PM

MW

“ Maxine Ware lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins



Maxine Ware - July 28, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MW

To the family of Betty Murray Atkins my deepest condolences Maxine Sheppard Ware ❤️🙏

Maxine Ware - July 28, 2021 at 07:03 PM