



Betty Joyce Patton

October 25, 1929 - April 11, 2025

Betty Joyce Shepherd Patton, age 95, of Kingston, TN went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 11, 2025 at NHC Oak Ridge after a long struggle with dementia. Up until her health would no longer allow her to attend, she was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Kingston since 1960. Betty and her husband Cedric moved from Alcoa to Kingston in 1960 and raised two sons. She is preceded in death by her parents Thomas M. and Nora Myrtle Floyd Shepherd, husband Cedric S. Patton, brothers Floyd O. (Sue) Shepherd, Emerson E. "Mickey" (Georgia) Shepherd, Bannister Morrison Shepherd, and sister Mary Lorene Shepherd (Sam) Beaver. Betty is survived by her sons John T. Patton and Jeff L. (Cheri) Patton of Kingston, grandchildren Travis A. (Dr. Jessica) Patton of Jonesborough, TN and Traci A. (Justin) Watson of Dana Point, CA, great-grandchildren Jordan Patton, Anniston Watson, Ashton Watson, and Austin Watson.

Betty loved and served her Savior Jesus Christ. She was saved at a young age and followed Jesus with a life of service. Not only serving Him in the church as a Sunday School teacher, WMU director, pianist, organist, Living Christmas Tree singer, and hand bell player, but also in her community as an office/insurance worker for several doctors including Drs. King, Foote, and Ahler. She was also the Kingston Elementary School secretary from 1968 to 1977.

A graveside service for the family was held at Grandview Cemetery in Maryville, TN on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Memorials may be sent to Kingston First Baptist Church Music Ministry, 215 N. Kentucky St, Kingston, TN 37763 (shelbygiving.com/App/Giving/kingstonfbc) or TN Baptist Children's Home, PO Box 2206, Brentwood, TN 37024 (tennesseechildren.org/donate).

The family would like to express our sincere thanks to the staff at Sycamore Trace in Kingston, Amedisys Hospice in Athens and Knoxville, and NHC Oak Ridge for their care and love. May God bless each of you. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston graciously served the Patton family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **16** (ET)

Grandview Cemetery
2304 Tuckaleechee Pike
Maryville, TN 37803

Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was a dear sweet lady I had the pleasure of knowing for years she is now in the arms of the Lord she served him dearly while here on earth prayers for her family god received 2 angels this day Betty and my Husband 2 great ones

verna webb - April 22, 2025 at 10:05 PM

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“ Cheri and Jeff, So sorry for your loss! Thinking of you and sending our sympathies and prayers! The Fielden Family 🌸💗

Cynthia Fielden - April 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM