



Betty Jane Anderson

July 26, 1925 - February 24, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Betty Jane (Davidson) Anderson, born July 26, 1925, in Rome, NY, passed away on February 24, 2025. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church (102 North Second Street, Memphis, TN). Afterward, friends are welcome to join in a celebration of life from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at The Terrace at River Inn (50 Harbor Town Square, Memphis, TN).

Betty was born to Elmer Raymond Davidson and Florence Mildred (Terrio) Davidson. She was the only girl in a family with six brothers: Gene, Don, Jack, Bill, Phil, and Bob. She is preceded in death by her mother and father and all brothers except Bob. Bob recently commented on how much he enjoyed their frequent phone calls. He said talking to her, she always seemed like she was still 16. She is also preceded in death by her beautiful granddaughter, Laura (Propson) Garretson.

Betty is survived by her four beautiful children with her first husband, Carl F. Propson, Jr. They are Carl Propson, III (Linda), Barbara Stopp (Charlie/deceased), Phil Propson (Jane/deceased), and Penny Steward (Donnie).

Betty married her best friend and the love of her life, Roy Gustoff Anderson in 1970. This brought two more wonderful step-children into her life and she is survived by them as well. They are Gayle (Anderson) Donahue (Rob) and Vicki (Anderson) Graves.

She leaves behind 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Betty loved her entire family dearly, never forgetting a birthday, and praying for each individual by name every Monday night.

Betty worked all her adult life and at her last position she was the office manager and accountant for the Cambridge Housing Authority in Cambridge, Ohio. She and Roy retired to Columbia, South Carolina in 1987. They spent their time golfing, crafting, card making, and traveling to see family and friends. They made Christmas ornaments by hand every year to send to family and friends. Betty volunteered throughout her life for various charities, food banks, church activities, and an adult literacy program, teaching illiterate adults to read.

After Roy's passing in 2007, Betty moved to Memphis. She immediately became an active member of Calvary Episcopal Church, volunteering in the church library, as well as a volunteer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which she continued well into her 90s. In 2017, Betty moved in with her daughter, Penny, and Penny's husband, Donnie, as well as their 5-pound Yorkie, Bowie. Bowie and Betty immediately became best buddies with her lap becoming the lap of choice. She gave up golf at the age of 92. She was an avid reader all her life, sometimes reading or listening to six plus books per month.

Betty was an amazing woman . . . kind, loving, compassionate, caring, strong, smart, and funny. She loved her family and friends more than anything. She will be missed by so many. She left this message behind for all who knew her,

“Thank you all, family and friends, for a good life. See you on the other side”.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations may be made in Betty Anderson's name to Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN (www.calvarymemphis.org) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

Online condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Episcopal Church
102 North Second Street
Memphis, TN

Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

The Terrace at River Inn
50 Harbor Town Square
Memphis, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Anderson.*



March 19, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Betty while volunteering at St, Jude. Her generous heart and kind nature were obvious to anyone who met her. My deepest sympathies to her family who must miss her dearly.*
- *Patty Stephens*



Patty Stephens - March 10, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *Betty was always a delight to be with. Bowie would come to her and back up so she would pick him up and put him in her lap which he would often fall asleep in her lap. Loved sitting & talking with her. She would always say “Well, How is Sherry today. Then she & I would share our week with each other. Precious lady & friend 💕*

sherry Baggett - February 28, 2025 at 03:25 PM



I don't think I have met such a person that loved life as much as Betty. She also had a smile on her face every time I saw her. Betty loved to have fun and dance. We would dance together at Donnie's and Penny's when the party got a Rocking!!!! I loved her enthusiasm about life. Great woman ❤️.

Diane Barnett - March 01, 2025 at 09:09 AM

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I didn't know Betty for very long but she made quite an impression. She was a very strong woman which explains why her daughter, Penny; and her granddaughter, Allison, both are such strong, positive women. She was the coolest 99 year old woman I've ever known. She loved life and her family and always made me feel good. I am proud to have known her.

Pat Brown - March 19, 2025 at 05:50 PM