



Betty Lou Irby Hamlett

May 29, 1928 - April 21, 2020

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved Granny, Mrs. Betty Lou Irby Hamlett, our family matriarch and devoted friend to all whose lives she touched, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

Betty Lou passed quietly at her residence in Altavista, VA, in the presence of her cherished grandsons, Michael and Joseph Worth. She was in her 91st year.

Born in Campbell County, VA, Betty Lou was the daughter of the late Horace C. Irby, Sr., and Nellie Stowers Irby Perrow, and stepdaughter of George F. Perrow. She was preceded in death by sisters; Sallie Rebecca Irby, Helen Irby, and Donna Burnette, and brother, Horace Irby, Jr.

Betty Lou was also predeceased by her husband of over fifty years, Eugene J. Hamlett, and her beloved daughter, Betty Jean Hamlett Worth.

She is survived by her cherished grandsons, Michael (Tammy) Worth, and Joseph (Elizabeth) Worth, two great-granddaughters, Baylee Anne and Harley Kaye Worth, and a host of special "greats" that she inherited through her extended family.

She will be sadly missed by her sisters, Caroline (Bill) Matherly, Margaret Hall,

brother, Stephen Perrow, special nephew, Randy Burnette, and treasured caregiver and friend, Barbara Reynolds.

Betty Lou lived a full life and embodied the very essence of Christian grace. Most of all she loved her family, and instilled in her grandsons deep roots, and strong family values.

A celebration of Mrs. Hamlett's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Lamb's United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund (2591 Lambs Church Rd, Altavista VA 24517), or to the Little Free Library at Shreve Park (littlefreelibraryatshrevepark@gmail.com), which is dedicated to the memory of her daughter, Betty Jean.

Please visit the online tribute at www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

Cemetery Details

Lambs United Methodist Church Cemetery

2591 Lambs Church Rd.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett*



Marian - January 08, 2021 at 08:25 PM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett*



Marian - January 08, 2021 at 08:24 PM

SF

“ *Betty Lou was a wonderful Aunt. I loved to visit her as a kid. They always had deli ham for sandwiches instead of those veggies I did not like. They had the first color TV I ever got to see. They gave us our first pet. Musty liked to chase cars and had a better chance of surviving in the country instead of town. She loved to tell about the rowdy things I did to Dumpy when I was little. She got me my first job in food service that ended up being a journey I took to retirement . She was what I have always heard people say "The Salt of the Earth". She will be greatly missed but left us with wonderful memories.*

Sandra H. Farris - May 01, 2020 at 09:57 PM

SF

“ *Sandra H. Farris lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett*



Sandra H. Farris - May 01, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Ceremony*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 01, 2020 at 05:01 PM

BP

“ My family moved to 1804 Forest Street, Altavista in 1953. The Hamletts lived across the street directly in front of us. It was a wonderful street to grow up in. Betty Jean was my regular playmate. We were baby boomers and there were plenty of us...playing with our dolls, riding bikes, running through the woods behind the Hamlett"s house and just being kids. And I remember all the Moms on that street. Mrs.Hamlett was pure and simply a sweet lady. Looking at her photo she may have aged, but has not changed very much.

We moved into town around 1960 and I lost track of some of those friends, but I can still name them! One memory is that Mrs.Hamlett had a sister, who had a boyfriend that had a motorcycle. Every now and then they would ride to the Hamlett's house. I thought that was the neatest thing. .I do not remember when I read of Betty Jean's death, but I do remember being shocked as she was younger than me. She was an outstanding women and I know is so very missed by the family. I also remember Mr.Hamlet, but not as much we kids interacted more with the neighborhood mothers.

Betty Jean, her Mom and Dad bring beautiful memories to me. They are all threads in the fabric of my childhood. I am sorry for you loss of these family members. I hope you will find comfort in your memories and the love they gave you. Becky Thornhill Pitsenbarger

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Becky Thornhill Pitsenbarger - May 01, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Betty Lou's passing. So happy I was able to visit with her and others when visiting Lambs church. Prayers for the family!

John Smith - April 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM

LR

“ *LARRY RPACH lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett*



LARRY RPACH - April 26, 2020 at 05:20 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett*



Mary Moses-Hicks - April 23, 2020 at 09:14 PM

SB

“ *Betty Lou was a sweet, wonderful, precious lady. I so remember all our memories at Lamb's church. Her daughter and I were such good friends and had such good times at VBS's and MYF's at Lamb's. Such a kind and wonderful family. Loved by everyone.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Love & Prayers,
Sue (Mitchell) Blackstock*

Sue Blackstock - April 23, 2020 at 06:22 PM

BC

“ Barbara Rice Clay lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Irby Hamlett



Barbara Rice Clay - April 23, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JC

“ Sincere sympathy and love to all of the family. I have many wonderful memories of Betty Lou, Eugene, and Betty Jean. They serve as wonderful role models for generations of family members now and in the years to come! They are united together once again and the joy will be never ending!

Jay Crews - April 22, 2020 at 08:06 PM

JB

“ Steve and Randy, so sorry for your loss. I hope all is well with you all!
Jerry Barnard

Jerry Barnard - April 22, 2020 at 12:37 PM

WW

“ Mike & Joe , & Family , So sorry about Betty Lou. If need anything just let me know. She will be in heaven with Betty Jean now. Keeping you , all , in my thoughts and prayers. Wayne Walden.



Wayne Walden - April 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

PW

“ *Mike , Joe & Family. You all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Paula Walden.*



Paula Walden - April 22, 2020 at 12:10 PM