



Betty Jane Franklin
Ross

Feb. 8, 1931 - June 12, 2024

Betty Jane Franklin Ross, 93, of Morganton, NC, died Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on February 8, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Robey Franklin and Cora Wilson Franklin.

Betty was an active member of Mt. Home Baptist Church for 70 years. She was director of the Women's Mission Union and ran the nursery program, along with various other jobs at the church for a number of years. Prior to Mt. Home, she attended Hopewell Baptist Church. Betty enjoyed reading, working puzzles, coloring, and had a green thumb. She was an excellent mother and grandmother who loved her family "with all my heart."

Mrs. Ross is survived by her children, Cathy Smith (Jerry), Ginger Whisnant (Allen), Ronald "Pete" Ross, and John Ross (Gail); former daughter-in-law, Rhonda Ross; grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Angela Smith, Megan Rich, Douglas Ross, Patrick Ross, John Fitzgerald, John Ross, Casey Caudel, Derick Caudel, and Paul Caudel; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother, Luther "Bud" Franklin (Frances); and a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, John Pete Ross; daughter-in-law, Kelly Ross; and siblings, Lewis Franklin, Arthur Franklin, Mary

ROSS, daughter in law, KERRY ROSS, and siblings, LEWIS FRANKLIN, ARTHUR FRANKLIN, MARY Lou Crump, Mattie Pearl Franklin, Kitty Sue Cobb, Dorothy McCall, and Ida Bell.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Rocky Hartman and Rev. David Orders officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Home Baptist Church, 2272 Mt. Home Church Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or to Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending condolences and prayers of comfort to Betty's family. She was a sweet, kind lady who cared deeply for others.

–Brenda S Short



So very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort and condolences for your family as you remember this special woman and all the ways she touched your lives.

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Our deepest condolences for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort during this time of grief. - Linda Spencer, Rhonda Ross, Brenda Short, Sandy and John Walker.

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So sorry for your loss. I pray God will comfort you and your family.

–Sherry Denton Addison

We are sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers for the family.

–Linda and Randall Allman

Grandma, you simply are the best. We love you so much. I'm so grateful for the 31 years I got to call you grandma. I'll see you soon!

–Megan Rich

Grandma (or Miss Betty) was an exceptional lady! She was a wonderful mom and grandma and loved her family well. Praying for all of you as you mourn her passing! Jim & Vanda Rich

–Vanda & Jim Rich



I love you with all my heart, Grandma! Go and live happily with Jesus!

–Megan Rixh



–Anonymous