



*Betty Jane Kennedy
Jensen*

July 17, 1931 - June 12, 2023

Betty J. Jensen, 91, of Morganton, NC, passed away Monday, June 12, 2023 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in Lansing, MI on July 17, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Ernest B. Kennedy and Rachael V. Travis Kennedy.

Betty worked as a medical office assistant in many physician offices throughout her career. In 1984 Betty and her husband moved to North Port, FL and enjoyed many years of retirement. Mrs. Jensen moved to North Carolina in 2013 to be close to her daughter after her Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Betty considered family, friends, and her faith to be of great importance. She had the gift of hospitality and was always finding ways to reach out to others, especially with food. She developed many strong friendships that lasted through the years. She enjoyed gardening and was known for her beautiful flowers, and Betty was always active in her church, especially South Biscayne Church in North Port, FL.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by her children, Thomas Jensen (Jeanae) and Nancy Lovelace (Donnie); grandchildren, Jennifer Hyland (Adam), Thomas Jensen, and Jessica Jensen; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Michelle, and Emily Hyland; step-children who accepted her as their own, Kippen Lester (Zack), Christiyn Mobley (Rusty), and

who accepted her as their own, Rippen Lester (Zack), Christine Mobley (Rusty), and Madison Lovelace; step-grandchildren, Emma Ann Mobley, Clinton Mobley, Sutton Lester, and Charleston Lester; and numerous nieces and nephews who considered her their favorite.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Jensen (married in 1951); and siblings, Charles Kennedy, John Kennedy, George Kennedy, Bobbie Rodocker, William Kennedy, and Carol Thayer.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Charity Elliott officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Ridge Endowment Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



–Alice Clay

Grace Ridge Retirement Community sends our deepest condolences to Nancy and her family. Ms. Jensen was an amazing woman and we were blessed to have her in the Grace Ridge family.

–Lisa Miller



–Kimberly Wilson



Thinking of your family during this time. It was a blessing to have crossed life paths with Mrs. Betty.

–Charity Elliott

We were close neighbors in DeWitt, Michigan for many years and we still miss Betty, Tom, Nancy and Tommy. We spent several years in the same community in NorthPort, Florida. Betty and Tom introduced us to LaCasa and we still go there in the winter and still miss Betty and Tom. Betty taught us many things about growing flowers and raising children. They were great role models. Thank you Nancy for taking good care of them. Love, hugs and prayers.

—Jan and Ben Kinsev

Many memories from the candy jar, camping, swimming lessons, to the complexities of adulthood. She had a great laugh / snicker. Bless her!

—Kolleen Kolassa

Sending love and deepest condolences to Nancy and family. You took such wonderful care of your mother and I hope that this brings you comfort .

—Janet Handy