



## Betty Lou Durham

April 1, 1936 - September 11, 2023

Betty Smith Durham, 87, of Trenton, GA, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, September 11, 2023 at her home.

Mrs. Durham was married to the late Rev. A. C. Durham in 1952 and was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. A woman of many talents, she loved painting & cooking and was a great seamstress. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for 42 years, before joining Grace Baptist Tabernacle in Rock Spring, GA. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2019, her parents, Grady & Velma Smith, brother, Martin Smith, & sister, Verna West.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Marsha (Bruce) Case, Trenton, GA, Denise (Newt, Jr.) Palmer of Rising Fawn, GA, & Sharon (Tommy) Castleberry of Trenton, GA; grandchildren, Shane (Mandy) Cloud, Heath (Patricia) Cloud, Wesley Palmer, Rachel Lynch, Cru (Amanda) Palmer, Seth (Tiffany) Castleberry, & Adam Castleberry; great-grandchildren, Rebecca (Garrett) Hill, Samantha Cloud, Ethan Cloud, Skyler (Trevor) Stevens, Kainen Palmer, Xander Lynch, Raylan Palmer, Shelby Palmer, Paige Castleberry, & Corbin Castleberry; great-great-grandchildren, Adaline & Everly Hill; several nieces & nephews.

A special thanks to Hearth Hospice, especially Crystal and Brandi, also

special friend Kay Anderson and granddaughter Rachel Lynch, for taking care of mom during this difficult time.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Shane Cloud officiating. Burial will follow in Payne Cemetery, Trenton, GA.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 13th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour at Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## Payne Cemetery

Trenton, GA 30752

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory  
11415 S Main St  
PO Box 506  
Trenton, GA 30752  
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[steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net](mailto:steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net)  
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## Visitation

SEP **14**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lou Durham*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Ryan Funeral Home** - September 14, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *146 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Ryan Funeral Home** - September 13, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Betty Lou Durham.*



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September 13, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Lou Durham.

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September 13, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *We are very sorry for the loss of your mother/grandmother. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Michael and Lisa Murphy** - September 13, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Oh what rejoicing for AC and Betty. God Bless you family, loss is hard but take comfort in her eternal life with Jesus.*

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**Sharon Bice** - September 13, 2023 at 07:07 AM



“ *Betty was like a second mother to me. I've known her all my life...she was one of the most talented person I've ever know. I can't think of anything she couldn't do. I was always amazed at how she could be doing anything and never make a mess....I remember when she went anywhere she looked looked like a model....she is going to be missed.....I loved her so much. RIP.*

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**Donna Blackstock Morgan** - September 13, 2023 at 02:37 AM

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“ . May the Lord be very dear to you as this dark cloud passes over you.

*Betty and A. C. were very dear friends of ours for many years.*

*Praying for you.*

*Jerry & Linda Atkins Proverbs 3:5-6*

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**Jerry Atkins** - September 12, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Judith Hambly lit a candle in memory of Betty Durham*



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**Judith Hambly** - September 12, 2023 at 05:46 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to learn about Betty. She was a gracious lady. I remember when she pierced my ears, she was so gentle and kind. I know how hard it is losing your mother so my heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family. May GOD hold each of you in the palm of his hands as you go through this dark cloud of time. I love you all. Faye Gass Willey*

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**Faye Gass Willey** - September 12, 2023 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Faye Willey lit a candle in memory of Betty Durham*



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**Faye Gass Willey** - September 12, 2023 at 03:39 PM