



Betty Jean Franklin

March 28, 1934 - May 26, 2012

Betty Jean Johnson Franklin passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2012 in her seventy eighth year of life. She was the loving wife of James E. Franklin and proud mother of Cathy Marie Dunn Wedekind (Howard William Wedekind), and Kimberly Franklin Nyberg (John William Nyberg); sister, Shirley Mai Johnson Rader (Franklin Anderson Rader); brother, Donald Boo (Carol Boo), seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Sammie C. Johnson and mother, Clara Mai Johnson and sons, Henon Andrew Dunn and Sammie Charles Dunn.

Her fifty three years with her beloved husband, Musso was filled with adventure and many simple pleasures including camping and fishing all along Tennessee lakes. They took many journeys to Knoxville for University of Tennessee football games, and yearly pilgrimages to Florida with the Old Hickory clan – their extended family of lifelong friends. Betty and Musso enjoyed travel of all kind – whether it was a trip to the lake or a planned trip to Hawaii or fishing cruise to Alaska.

Betty had many gifts and special talents, beyond her talents as a barber, her fingers stayed busy with creating beautiful quilts and heirlooms which she shared with her friends and family – a gift from Betty is cherished forever. She loved to "dig in the dirt" and could grow anything! She was often seen

"borrowing" plants from other gardens. Her green thumb grew many things from strawberries and tomatoes to roses and irises. Her life was rich and always surrounded by friends, southern hospitality and down home cooking. She loved to cook for others, she always knew your favorite food and it was on the table when you came to her house for dinner.

Professionally she was best known for being the second lady barber in Nashville. While in Barber College in the early 1960's, she joined Judy's Barber Shop in the historic Maxwell House Hotel in downtown Nashville and later moved to the Exchange Building. She would spend the next 35 years as one of Nashville's most sought after barbers at the Unique Barber and Style shop, in the First American Center. Her clientele included Nashville's most prominent businessmen, entertainers, television personalities, and government leaders.

Betty will be greatly missed by all her families including her church family. She was member of the Hermitage United Methodist Church (HUMC) and beloved member of the Unity Sunday school class. She enriched her walk with Christ through participating in the Walk to Emmaus and was often found in the HUMC kitchen preparing meals for Church events. She enjoyed so much helping others, one Christmas she knitted over 100 winter caps for Nashville's homeless distributed by the Room in the Inn.

No one will forget her joy of life, boundless energy and her positive attitude that gave us such hope and a belief that all things are possible and that miracles can happen.

Our mother was known by a lot of names: Mother, Momma, Shugg, Sissy, Sister, Betty the Barber, Betty Jean (although you better not let her hear you) but the name she was most proud of was "Christian".

Visitation with her family will be 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Memorial Service following on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 in the Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, Hadley Chapel, 1700 Hadley Avenue, Old Hickory, Tennessee.

In lieu of customary remembrances, charitable donations may be directed to Hermitage United Methodist Church, Nashville Union Mission, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Nashville Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to share the things that are most dear to us about her and thank you for coming to celebrate her life. Kim and Cathy

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Franklin*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Kimberly, My heart goes out to you and your family. I know there are no words that can provide comfort at this time. I hope your fond memories will provide peace and comfort. Best wishes and Blessings to you,
Pam and Bill Crozier*

Pam Crozier - June 12, 2012 at 09:00 PM



“ *Kimberly, my heart goes out to you an your family...praying for you all.*

Lindsay Frilling - May 31, 2012 at 02:44 AM



“ *Cathy and Bill,
Thinking of you and your family today and wish we could be there to help shoulder your grief.*

Sharon and Garvin - May 30, 2012 at 07:21 PM

BM

“*Kimberly and family,
What a beautiful tribute to your beautiful mother who was clearly a blessing to all who had the privilege of knowing her! I am praying for the peace that surpasses ALL understanding for you and your family today.*

*"Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands...
May your unfailing love be my comfort,
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GR

“*Dear Kim and Cathy --
Margaret and I were heartbroken to learn of your mother's death.
Know that we are thinking of you and upholding your families in prayer.*

Our love to you -- Greg & Margaret

Gregory Russell - May 29, 2012 at 11:33 PM

AN

“*Dear Kim, we are all thinking of you and wish we could be there, the miles which keep us a part are not good at times like these when you need support. Just know we are all thinking of you and your family, and just know how much Betty was loved by so many.*

Ann Nyberg - May 29, 2012 at 11:26 PM

CB

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Chaiba Bloomer - May 29, 2012 at 08:45 PM

AC

“ *Kimberly and Family,*

I'm so sorry for your loss but what wonderful memories you have to cherish of such a beautiful lady who loved God, her family, community and career. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

April Cantrell - May 29, 2012 at 08:09 PM

SD

“ *Kimberly, Marcia sent Fran and I your mother's obituary. What a wonderful lady you called Mom. I know you will miss her terribly and since I have lost my mom, I know how you are feeling. Just wanted to tell you how sorry we are about your loss.*

Suzanne, Tiptonville Main Street member.

Suzanne Davis - May 29, 2012 at 07:23 PM

JF

“ *Kimberly, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom, but after reading her memorial I know she is having a grand reunion in heaven. She sounds just as exceptional as you are. I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Hugs to you, my friend.*

Jeff Fleming - May 29, 2012 at 06:35 PM

JB

“ *Offering prayers for Mrs. Franklin and all her family.*

John Barber - May 29, 2012 at 06:25 PM

PR

“ Kimberly, my deepest sympathy for you and your family in the loss of your dear, sweet mother. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Phyllis Rauchle - May 29, 2012 at 05:46 PM

MM

“ Kimberly and family,

We were sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. All of us here in Tiptonville have all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

With love,
Tiptonville Main Street

Marcia Mills - May 29, 2012 at 03:57 PM

SE

“ Kimberly and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beloved woman who will definitely be missed. May God bless you all during this time.

Stacey Eubanks - May 29, 2012 at 03:45 PM

SL

“ Kim and John, Please know how sorry we are to hear of your mother's passing. My heart aches for you. She must have been an awesome lady because she has such an awesome daughter. Our prayers are with you.

Sue and Ray Livers - May 29, 2012 at 12:24 PM

MS

“ *Betty cut my hair from 1968 until she retired. I always thought the world of her and looked forward to my appointments. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.*

Maurice Smith - May 28, 2012 at 04:00 PM

KC

“ *Kim, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Curtis - May 28, 2012 at 02:51 PM