



Betty Jo Dempsey

March 3, 1937 - November 1, 2024

Betty Jo Tidwell Dempsey of Hardeeville and Branchville, SC was ushered into the Heavenly Realm by her ministering Angels on Friday, November 1, 2024. What a time of rejoicing and celebrating as another Saint was welcomed home.

Born into this earth on March 3, 1937 at home in Winston County, Alabama the oldest of 10 children born to Ervin Wesley Tidwell and Linnie Gann.

Left to cherish her memory are Mama's siblings: Herschel Tidwell (Mary-deceased), Marilyn Powell Collins (deceased) (Carroll-deceased) (Jimmy-deceased), Jerry Tidwell (Linda), Richard Tidwell (deceased), Roger Tidwell (Patricia), Mary Ann Johnson (Allan-deceased), David (Bud) Tidwell, Wesley Tidwell (deceased), and Lance Tidwell (Karri). A bonus sister Edna McAlhany (Mr. JW-deceased) Numerous nieces and nephews. Two special nieces Gail Goins and Sheryl McPherson.

Wife of Robert Dempsey Sr. of 56 years.

Children: Bridgette Sanchez (David, affectionately referred to as her favorite son-in-law) of Hardeeville SC, Billy Dempsey (Mama always called Bill her #1 Son) (Melanie) of Rockingham NC and Branchville SC, Bobby Dempsey (deceased) (with a heart like Mama), and Tony Dempsey (the baby) (Kim) of Branchville SC.

Grandchildren: Wesley Sanchez (Heidi) of Beaufort SC, Josh Sanchez (Dena) of Hardeeville SC, Celeste Bean (Michael) of Richmond Hill, Georgia, Adam Pittman, Ashley Dempsey (Darin Milligan) of Georgia, Michael Dempsey of

Bluffton, SC, Amanda Dempsey of Bamberg, SC, Sarah Bolin (Robzy) of Greenville, SC and TJ Dempsey (Brandi).

Great Grandchildren: Natalie, Emily, Lizzy, Olivia, Annabel, Mary, Wyatt, Nolan, Conrad, Abel, Adalynn, Dalton, Landon, Connor, Zachary and Aubree. Our Dempsey family was especially important to Mama and she loved each one dearly. Thanksgiving Reunions were some of Mama's cherished, laughter-filled memories. Many days of Skip-bo with Uncle George and Aunt Nancy had us rolling in laughter. This family could cook some good country vittles... two special nieces Tina Wiggins and Denise Dempsey.

Mama worked outside the home for many years but her greatest joy was being "Mama". She sacrificed for us children so many days. She loved us fiercely. She was the best Mama ever. When she became Memaw (Wesley gave her that name) her life again was filled with such joy!

Mama is the daughter of the ONE True King...Jesus. She served Him faithfully as a member of Edisto Baptist Church for over 40 years. God gifted Mama with a servants heart. She loved teaching Sunday School, being involved with VBS, singing in the choir, hospitality, even cutting grass at church. She loved the mission trips and gospel singing with her church family. Her special sisters-in-Christ, Lenore, Connie, Phyllis, Mary, Patsy, Betty Rae and so many others. She truly loved you all.

During Mama's time with me, Creative Church became her family as well. They loved her dearly.

Many thanks to Ridgeland Nursing Facility Nurses and CNAs, Diane, Tina and Melissa, over the last year, also thanks to Compassus Hospice for their tender care.

I was blessed to have been able to care for my precious Mama for over 6 years. I will miss you Mama (I tried to do my best) It won't be long till we will be together for eternity with our Savior. Give Aunt Marilyn a big hug for me. Wyatt says it best: Just because Memaw is in Heaven, we still gonna love her..(O How Memaw loved her Wyatt)

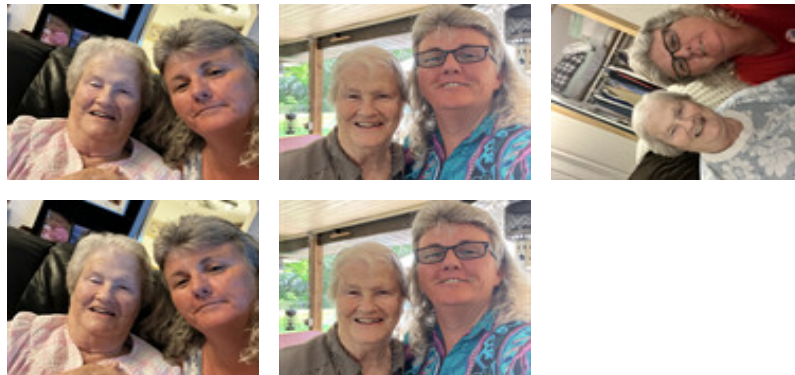
The family will receive friends at Edisto Baptist Church on Wednesday,

November 6, 2024 from 11:00am - 12:00pm. The service will start at 12:00pm at Edisto Baptist Church with the burial in the church cemetery following the service.

Tribute Wall



“ 6 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Ott Funeral Home - April 08 at 05:05 PM

RW

“ *She was beautiful lady I remember the good times with her and Robert she will always be loved and missed by family and friends Love always Rick and Jane Warren .*

Rick and Jane Warren - November 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Ohhhh Aunt Betty... the memories of you are precious, ALL of them, you reminded me so much of Gram(your mom) that I feel like I've lost Gram all over again. The best memory I have is having you with me a couple of summers ago and you telling me all the stories of when you were young and all the things you did, going through all of the pictures you brought, telling me things I never knew about Grandpa and Gram... and many other things. And by the time it was time to take you back to Bridgette, you kept telling that I was your angel (I'm no angel but I try my best to do the right things and be there for my loves) and now YOU are one of mine. I love you and you will always have a special place in my heart.*

Sheryl - November 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SM

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Sheryl McPherson - November 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Patricia Stephens lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Dempsey



Patricia Stephens - November 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Ott Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Betty Jo Dempsey - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Mrs. Betty Dempsey will always have a special place in my heart ❤️. She taught me many years in Sunday School and was such a good Christian example. May God's peace be with your family! Angela Smoak



Angela Smoak - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ So many wonderful memories at Edisto Baptist with deep conversations and rejoicing in singing along with Phyllis as the "EdistoTrio". Betty was such a prayer warrior and had a very special testimony for Jesus anytime she could share it. I was sad that the seasons of our life moved us far apart, but God knows where we all need to be. Heaven grows sweeter every day.

Connie Smith - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ I will miss you aunt betty of all my mom's sister in-law your were my favorite aunt ialways felt welcome in your home. We would always share memories of Bobby (my brother from another mother) we would write letters to each other oh how I loved hearing from you We couldn't wait for family reunions cause we knew betty was baking some awesome (always made sure there was a red Velvet cake my favorite. You and Bobby are together again fly high my sweet angel. Love you your Niece Tina Renee.



Wiggins Tina - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM