

Betty Jean Cook

March 19, 1931 - July 5, 2020

Betty Jean (Anderson) Cook, 89, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 5th, 2020. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 19, 1931. She lived across the street from the church her family attended, which was Bethel Evangelical Free Church. She graduated early at the age of 17 from Chicago Christian High School in January, 1949. She then attended John Brown University, and majored in Elementary Education. While at JBU, she met the love of her life, Bob Cook. They met the first night of school in the fall of 1949 at a bonfire at the bottom of the 100 steps. Betty was a telephone operator at JBU, and soon after they met, Bob picked up a ringing phone in the boys' dorm, and Betty was on the other end. They both claim neither one made the call, and said, it must have been God that rang the phone because He wanted them together! They talked for a while, and Bob asked Betty out on their first date. They were married on December 23, 1950, and enjoyed 67 years of marriage. Bob served in the army and Betty joined him in England for 18 months. They lived in Griffith, Indiana, Holland, Michigan (where Bob attended Hope College), Clarendon Hills, Illinois, Ludington, Michigan, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Betty was a substitute teacher, a beloved preschool teacher, church pianist, sang in the church choir, and also taught the 4/5 year old Sunday school class in Ludington with Bob for many years. She went to many ladies' Bible studies.

But her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She always had her house decorated for all seasons and holidays, and welcomed all into her home. Her kids, grandkids, and now great grandkids were her pride and joy. Her nieces and nephews were very dear to her also. She loved her Savior with all her heart, adored her husband, put family first, and loved people.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Cook, parents Ernest and Helna (Rydbeck) Anderson, and brothers Ray and Bud Anderson, and sister Lucille Mulholland Bos. She is survived by daughter Becky Lloret and husband Andrew, of Dallas Texas, daughter Sue Mellema and husband Dan, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and son David Cook and wife Stacey of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She had seven grandkids, Kim, Drew (fiancée, Ashley), Matt (Danielle), Jeremy (Kristen), Brian (Lauren), Lauren, and Alyssa (Austin). She had 9 great grandkids, Briana, Penelope, Sam, Noah, Piper, Shepherd, Susannah, Henry, and Holly.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Sager Creek Community Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Sager Creek Community Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. For the funeral service, guests will be limited to 245 people and everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sager Creek Community Church
1600 Cheri Whitlock Dr.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ I knew Betty through her friends Sally Weaver and Lois Kendall. Will never forget that big smile and sweet curious spirit. Rest In Peace Betty. Believe you are making music with our Lord.

Jenny Findlay - July 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.



July 13, 2020 at 05:20 PM

CA

“ Caroline lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Cook



Caroline - July 13, 2020 at 02:13 PM

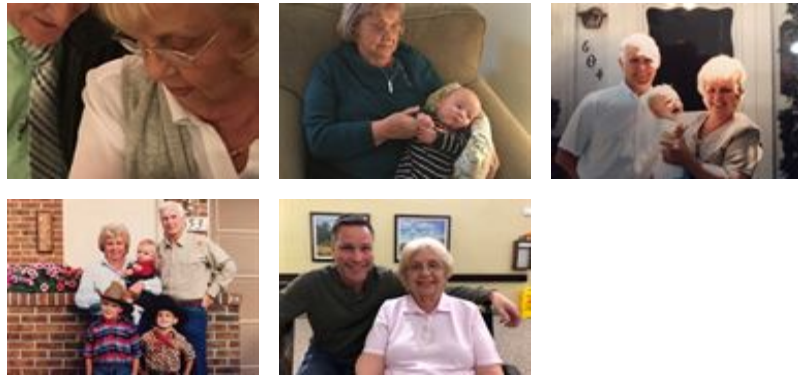
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“ I didn't know Betty well, but after her husband died I would notice her at church and would go up and speak with her. What I loved was her smile. Even though I didn't know her well, she caught my attention, and I looked for her on those Sundays I thought she might be there. And then I saw another one of those smiles. I'm so glad to know that her faith has been turned into sight, and she is truly with the LORD who loves her and gave Himself for her.

Diane Boring - July 11, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasson Funeral Home - July 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ I so enjoyed visiting with Bob and Betty at McDonald's. They shared so much of their lives growing up. They both were a lovely couple and will miss them. Betty continued as long as she could with her piano playing at Senior Center and loved the JOY Group when able to attend. Pray God's loving arms will surround you to give you peace and comfort.
Sara Farrimond



SaraFarrimond - July 10, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Multicolor Pastel Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.



July 09, 2020 at 11:30 PM

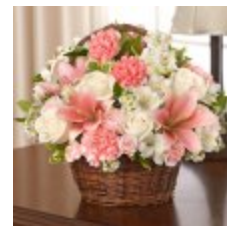
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“ Betty Cook-my special auntie and my friend! I love this dear lady so much! She was my second “mom”-Her home and heart were always open for you. I don’t have to tell you how much she loved the Lord and her Bob and family. She was so proud of everyone of them! When uncle Bob was in the service and they were living in England she brought me home a China Tea set-it was so special I always carefully stored it and have kept it to this day. Every phone conversation ended with “Okay honey,I love you.” While I rejoice with her in being in heaven and know we will be together again-I really miss her! ❤️💕💕

Sharon Miller - July 09, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.



July 09, 2020 at 02:34 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about your mom! She was like a second mother to me growing up, especially when my dad was in the hospital. So thankful that we have the hope of seeing our family in Heaven again some day! Sending love and prayers! Janelle

Janelle Walters - July 09, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.*



July 08, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.*



July 07, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Cook.*



July 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *L. A. John Meeker lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Cook*



L. A. John Meeker - July 07, 2020 at 08:46 AM

PJ

“ Betty was one of those rare people that seldom comes into your life. Always encouraging, always full of love and joy, and you never had any reason to doubt her love for her Lord. We praise and thank God for her life and friendship. We send our love to Becky, Susan and David.
Paul and Judy Snuffer

Paul and Judy - July 07, 2020 at 06:57 AM

JW

“ She was an incredible lady with a huge heart and very talented fingers!!! We grieve with you but also rejoice in her home going.
Love, Janet and Eric Wermel

Janet Wermel - July 07, 2020 at 12:15 AM

PF

“ Betty & I co-taught PreSchool classes for 2 years at CSCS in Co. Spgs. CO. (From 1990-1992). I loved her! She was always so encouraging & helpful to me (the new teacher). We made a great team. My husband & I also enjoyed getting together with Betty & Bob as a couple. She proclaimed Jesus to our students & loved our 2 kids at CSCS.
I know you will miss your mom, as my mom has gone home to Jesus just 3 weeks ago. But their legacy of faith lives on in their family & in the lives that they touched.
Love & prayers, Patty & Ken Freeman

Patty Freeman - July 06, 2020 at 09:30 PM

BR

“ *Your Mom was a lovely, radiant Christian woman. I will always remember that she was kind to people and friendly with everyone. I know you will miss her greatly but our own home-going is sooner than we expect and we will be reunited. Imagine what she must be seeing today and for the rest of eternity! May our Lord comfort you!*

Barbara Reynolds - July 06, 2020 at 07:37 PM