



## Betty Jean Nance

October 26, 1937 - May 18, 2026

Betty Jean Nance, 88, of Siloam Springs went to heaven on May 18, 2026, at Quail Ridge Nursing Home.

Born October 26, 1937, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Louie and Beulah Luttrell.

Betty moved with her family from the Viney Grove community when she was 9 years old to Siloam Springs. She graduated from Siloam Springs High School. On October 26, 1954, she married Arnold Dene Nance, later moving to Wichita, KS where he worked in a his brother's business before coming back to Siloam Springs in 1958.

Betty worked for Webb Wheel and later for Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital serving as administrative assistant and personnel director.

After leaving Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital in 1998, she worked in the family business Nance Machine.

Betty was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Siloam Springs and the Upper Room Sunday school class.

Betty had a love for music. She enjoyed singing in the church choir for many years. She also attended many gospel concerts with family and friends.

During the 1960-1970's, she was a member of a gospel quartet. The group began as the Gospel Echos, but later changed their name to The Samaritans. They traveled a four-state area to share the gospel through song.

Betty was preceded in death by husbands, Arnold Nance and Charlie Thurman. Survivors are: two sons, Larry D. Nance (Paula) of Vilonia and

Jimmy W. Nance (Patty) of Siloam Springs; and a daughter, Nena J. Houston (Michael) of Siloam Springs; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made in memory of Betty to Gideons International, [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org), or Arkansas Baptist Ranch, 5742 Boys Ranch Drive North, Harrison, AR 72601, [www.abcfm.org](http://www.abcfm.org).

A service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 31, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Graveside service will follow at White Oak Cemetery located south of Tontitown.

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Cemetery

14509 White Oak Road  
Fayetteville, AR 72704

# Upcoming Events

## Funeral

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
2000 Dawn Hill Rd.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
<http://www.fbcsiloam.com>

## Burial

MAY 31 (CT)

White Oak Cemetery  
14509 White Oak Road  
Fayetteville, AR 72704

# Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Nance.



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