



# Betty Bridges

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**B**etty Jean Scott Bridges, 89, of Charlotte, died November 18, 2025. She was born on December 3, 1935, in Woodruff, SC, to the late Charles Scott and Lottie Fowler Scott Duckett. Betty was raised by her mother and the late Cleveland “Bud” Duckett, and was a graduate of Woodruff High School and Cecil Business College. She then had a rewarding career with Duke Power Company in Spartanburg for over 25 years.

While she was an accomplished professional, Betty’s heart remained steadfast and committed to her husband, Buddy. Theirs was a love story for the books, beginning with a simple exchange in a “5 and Dime” store and lasting a lifetime. The two lovebirds celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August of this year.

Betty was an expert homemaker. She is remembered for her wonderful cooking, often making delicious meals out of very little. In fact, so many of her contributions stemmed from her uncanny ability to make something out of nothing. Betty, who was also known by the family as “Mamma” and “Nana,” was an excellent seamstress, making clothing for her daughters, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. She and Buddy took great delight in watching all of their grandchildren learn the skills they’d mastered together, passing along the art of making something out of nothing.

Though Betty and Buddy lived in South Carolina for nearly all of their working years, in retirement, they found sanctuary in the mountains of East Tennessee. Family remembers Betty rediscovering a childlike joy as she and her beloved went out to play in the snow and delighted in the beauty and wonder of God’s creation through the cultivation of a vegetable garden and apple trees, and in the admiration of all kinds of wildlife that would frequent their acreage.

Throughout all of life, participation in the church was very important to Betty. She was a dedicated Christian and enjoyed serving others through her church and community involvement. She regularly attended Sunday School, worship, weeknight meals, and participated



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in mission ministries such as Meals on Wheels, instilling the values expressed in the Gospels to “love God and love neighbor”. Though her later years made it difficult to attend church in person, Betty was a member of Williamson’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Bobby. She is survived by her husband, James Frank “Buddy” Bridges; daughters, Kim Scruggs and husband Michael of Campobello, SC, and Dawn Tatum and husband Bill of Davidson, NC; grandchildren, Melanie Tatum Janko (Cory), Chrissy Tatum Williamson (Justin), Sarah Tatum Sacco (Ethan), Tristan Scruggs (Jamie Sue), and Masha Zhuk; and great-grandchildren, Sasha (12), Mia (12), McKinley (5), Luca (2), and Hollis (5 mo.)

The family wishes to express their most sincere gratitude for the many medical professionals and caregivers who have been steadfast in their care for Betty throughout the last 5 years.

A worship service in celebration of Betty’s life will be held on Sunday, November 23, at Williamson’s Chapel UMC (main sanctuary) at 2:00 PM. Visitation will follow in the chapel. Burial will be Monday at 12:00 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, located behind Emma Gray Methodist Church, 321 W. Georgia St. Woodruff, SC.

James Funeral Home in Huntersville, NC is serving the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial donations be made in Betty’s memory to Williamson’s Chapel UMC in Mooresville, NC.



# Events


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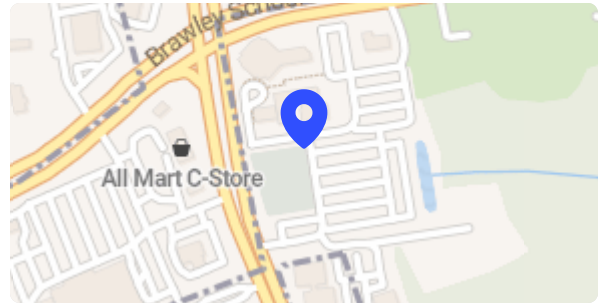
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## Celebration of Life Service

 **Sunday**, November 23, 2025

 2:00 PM ET

 **Williamson's Chapel UMC Church**  
575 Brawley School Road, Mooresville NC 28117





# Tribute Wall

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**Marjorie Schrebler** posted:

Although I never got to know Betty, I somehow feel a love for her. Probably because I had many opportunities to see how devoted to and deeply loved by Dawn she was. Then too, people have commented that Dawn seems to have received some of her finest traits from her mother. These things make me know what an incredibly special person Betty must have been. I look forward to meeting her one day in heaven. My loving condolences to Dawn and Bill, to Buddy and all the family.

November 23 at 2:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly and Harmony to the Bridges family.



November 22 at 5:08 PM



**Maja & Derek** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty.



November 22 at 5:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bridges family.



November 21 at 6:50 PM



**Vernetta Neal** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

A very sweet soul indeed, I'm going to remember you just the way you were so toodahoo for now.



November 20 at 9:48 AM



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**Elizabeth Padgett** posted:

Although Mom and I only met and knew Miss Betty for the past several years, we immediately felt her sweet and gentle spirit and witnessed her deep commitment to Buddy and her daughter, Dawn. She was full of love and light, and the two of them, Buddy and Betty, "The B's", had such a steadfast and unyielding love for each other and were undeniably such role models for their family. I know now where Dawn got her incredible cooking skills from as well as her ability to make those around her feel comfortable, cared for, and understood. She got all this from her mamma, Miss Betty. Thank you Lord for allowing my mom and I the opportunity to meet "The B's" and become close neighbors to Dawn and Bill and family. They all are such blessings to us in our neighborhood. Please hold them, Buddy, and the rest of their family close as they allow Miss Betty to return home to you. She is free and healthy and forever loved. Elizabeth Padgett and mom, Nancy Daisey

November 20 at 9:45 AM



**Fatima Grant** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Ms Betty was a delight to meet until the very last day I saw her. She was on the list of my favorite people in this life simply because she could wink. A woman of very few words just smiles winks and light whispers of yes and ok. She will be missed. Id Thank her for allowing me to assist and care for her and her being always thankful and sweet about it. With love Fatima Grant



November 20 at 9:29 AM



**John Fowler** posted:

With deepest thoughts and prayers Buddy, Kim , Dawn . Thinking of you during this time of sorrow . Bill & Mary Anderson and family !

November 20 at 1:08 AM



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**Correen Townes** posted:

My goodness! Mrs. Betty was the kind of woman whose presence you felt before she even entered the room! Soft, dainty, and forever put together with a grace that seemed almost timeless. Her long, elegant legs carried her with the poise of someone who lived life with dignity and quiet strength. Caring for her was never just a job for me; it was an HONOR. I watched the way she lit up whenever her husband of 70 years walked into the room, the way her eyes softened and her smile told stories words never could. Their love was the kind people spend lifetimes dreaming of...steady and deep. To witness that bond, and to be trusted with her care, was one of the greatest blessings of my journey as a caregiver. She was beauty, she was grace, and she was love in its purest form. LOVE ALWAYS, Correen & family

November 19 at 10:36 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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