



Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray- Atkins

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Mrs. Bettye Jean Murray-Atkins, 82, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at her residence. She was born on November 29, 1938, to Olden and Gentsey Willis in Molena, Georgia. She was a 1958 graduate of Pike County Consolidated School. After high school, she moved to Chattanooga, where she met and married Calvin Murray and to this union four children were born. Bettye was employed by Erlanger Hospital, Buster Brown, Inc., and retired from Royal Desota Inc. She was a faithful member of the Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and program committee. Bettye was an avid baker and a remarkably gifted seamstress for many years. She was a volunteer for Rainbow Day Care Center, CSAS, Baylor School, and First-Centenary U.M. Church Inner City Ministry. She also baked cakes for Herman's Soul Food & Catering. Her love extended far beyond her immediate family. Friends and family were always welcomed in her home with a big smile, listening ear, compassion, and a delicious meal which evolved into the Bettye's Meals on Wheels Ministry. She found love again and married Elbert Atkins, Sr. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olden and Gentsey Willis; husband, Calvin Murray; son, Anthony Murray; and daughter, Valerie Evans. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Elbert Atkins, Sr.; devoted son, Gregory (Pearl) Murray; dedicated daughter, Alicia Dianne Parks; grandchildren, Sirena (Jeff) Mendoza, David Wallace, DeAnthony (Michelle) Murray, Kansas City, MO, Jonathan (Amanda) Murray, Cullen, VA, Marshall Parks, Madison, AL, Lakeisha Williams, great-grandchildren, Tayler, Breana, Reef, Violet, Malachi, Skylar Jean, Elijah, and Easton Calvin; brothers, Billy Willis and Roosevelt (Gloria) Willis; sisters, Bertha Mae Holloway of Columbus, OH, Alberta (Albert) Blackmon, Laura (Bo) Parks, Alice (Robert) Buckner, Lillian Lucier, all of Molena, GA, Dorothy (Rubin) Washington of Homestead, FL, and Geraldine (Henry) Crawford of Atlanta, GA; brother-in-law, Fred (Florida) Murray; godchildren,



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Leon Rice, K.C. Dixon, and Karen Fletcher; stepchildren, David (Wonda) Atkins of Atlanta, GA, Harriet Jackson of Austin, TX, Deborah (Forrester) Goodrich of Houston, TX, Nelle (Rodney) Freeman, Elbert (Karen) Atkins, Jr., both of Memphis, TN, Karen (Charles) Campbell, Kimberly (Darren) Carter, both of Dallas, TX, 16 step-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives; special friends, Mary Evans, Marsha Hayes, Edna Pringle, Gwen Williams and many other friends. Pastor Samuel Jackson will serve as the eulogist.



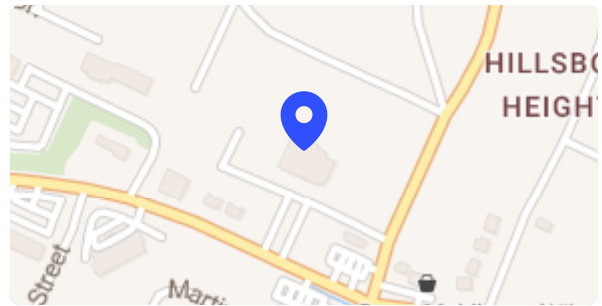
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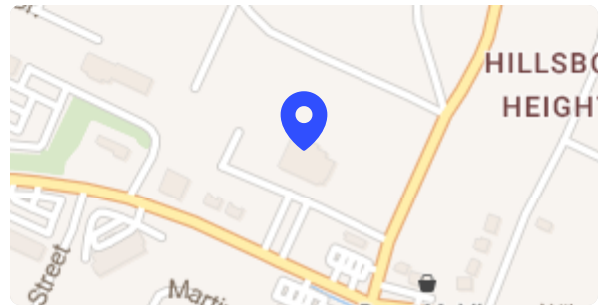
Lie-In-State

- Wednesday**, August 4, 2021
- 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Service

- Thursday**, August 5, 2021
- 12:00 PM ET
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Cemetery Details

- Lakewood Memory Gardens East**
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





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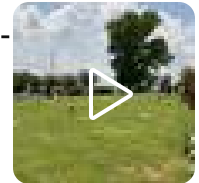
Sonja Jackson posted:

REST PEACEFULLY IN HEAVEN WITH OUR LORD 🙏🙏 AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 🙏🙏 AMEN.

August 5 at 2:43 PM



Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called **CemeteryService-BettyeMurray-Atkins.**



August 5 at 2:39 PM



Meshell Smith posted:

Sending prayers and condolences to the family I cherish every word and action spoken and given. One of the greatest I have ever met and will always remember

August 5 at 12:07 PM



Meshell Smith lit a candle in honor of Bettye.



August 5 at 12:01 PM



Lovora D. Rowe posted:

My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family of my adopted grandmother. She was an angel sent to touch our lives, a phenomenal woman with sophistication and style who always greeted me with her beautiful smile. All her life she baked and prepared homemade dishes to fulfill our many wishes. Her work here was done and she lived a life full of fun so when your heart gets heavy or a tear drop rolls down your face please remember God called her home to a better place.

August 5 at 9:50 AM



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August 5 at 9:49 AM

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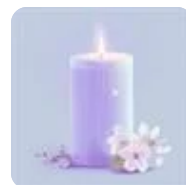
Barbara Davis-Coleman posted:

We was saddened to learn of the passing of Bettye, words can never express the ache we feel in our hearts when we lose a love-one, so we will simply convey our condolence to the entire family. May God grant you brighter days, from your family in Chicago. Our Deepest Sympathy. Barbara, David, and Veronica Coleman.

August 5 at 8:00 AM

TK

Tecelia Baker Keaton lit a candle in honor of Bettye.



August 5 at 2:28 AM

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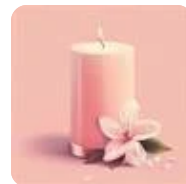
Ms Bettye will truly truly be missed by me and my family and friends. Whenever I go to a family get together, I was told call Ms Bettye and bring 3 cakes. From Kentucky, Alabama, Atlanta, North Carolina, don't forget the cakes. I will miss her and so will my family. RIP MS BETTYE til we meet again. Tecelia Baker Keaton.

August 5 at 2:27 AM

AJ

Anita Jones lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

Prayers and condolences to the family. 🙏



August 4 at 5:28 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 4 at 4:32 AM



Beverly Silva posted:

Sending our deepest and sincere prayers and condolences to the family! May God bring you his love and comfort during this time. Neighbor and former co-worker. Beulah Stoudmire and Beverly (daughter)

August 3 at 7:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 3 at 2:11 PM



Darrell And Rebecca Gaye sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 3 at 10:27 AM



Cathy Eppinger sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 3 at 8:17 AM



Connie And Walter Howard lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

With our deepest sympathy, our prayers are with the Murray Adkins family. Our memories of Sis. Bettye will be long cherished as a choir member and many other capacities in which she served. May she rest in perfect peace. She will be missed.



August 3 at 7:10 AM



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Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 3 at 6:25 AM



Kathy Wallace lit a candle in honor of Bettye.



August 3 at 1:58 AM



Kathy Wallace August 3 at 1:59 AM

Prayers for the family. We here in Texas will truly miss this wonderful lady. She always invited us into her home for Christmas with her home-made, from scratch meals and cakes. She always made us feel welcomed, comfortable, like family. We all called her Granny and enjoyed her presence and love she gave to all. You will be greatly missed.



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray-Atkins family.



August 2 at 6:41 PM



Rosa Watkins lit a candle in honor of Bettye.



August 2 at 12:26 PM



Rosa Watkins August 2 at 12:36 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Murray and Atkins family. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. My kids loves her Key Lime Cake and they said no more key lime cake. Rosa Watkins, Strickland and Sampson



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Rachel Pennington lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

August 1 at 4:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murray-Atkins family.

August 1 at 10:53 AM



Dehavilland Elder lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

My Condolences to the Atkins - Murray Family Betty was a Sweet and Caring Person She Will Be Missed.

August 1 at 7:32 AM



Ethel Jones posted:

So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She will be surely missed. A talented and loving lady. Enjoyed the years of working with her at Union Hill. The family have the condolences of the Jones Family. Ethel Jones

July 31 at 2:50 PM



Margaret Ryan lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

You will be forever missed by the Ryan Family R. I. P.

July 31 at 12:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Murray-Atkins family.

July 31 at 12:16 PM





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Mylene posted:

I remember as a kid how I use to love going over to my aunt Betty's house she could make the best homemade biscuits in the world. I'm going to miss you and your cakes! Loving you always! Your niece Mylene

July 31 at 12:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Murray-Atkins family.



July 31 at 10:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Murray-Atkins family.



July 31 at 9:05 AM



Nicole Hutchison lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

Granny was the sweetest lady. She made everyone feel welcome and treated them as family. I still remember how she sent a whole red velvet cake with Pearl and Greg for my high school graduation and many times sent us home with our own cake to take back to TX when we would visit for Christmas. She was the sweetest lady and we will miss her so much.



July 31 at 5:40 AM



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July 31 at 5:39 AM



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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Murray-Atkins family.

July 30 at 6:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Murray-Atkins family.

July 30 at 3:34 PM



Yahunna Wadley lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

Mrs. Bettye was the sweetest lady I loved her so much and she will be truly missed my condolences to the family

July 30 at 12:39 AM



Gloria Griffin lit a candle in honor of Bettye.

July 29 at 1:58 PM



Eugene Carter posted:

On behalf of the Carter Family, we extend our heartfelt and deepest condolences to Sis. Murray-Atkin's family and friends. She was such a beautiful spirit and always had a God-given peace about her. What a blessing to have had her in our lives. Much love! Pastor Eugene Carter Jr. & Family

July 29 at 3:49 AM



Toy Jackson posted:

Prayers up for the family ! Heaven has gained an angel. I will miss the delicious red velvet cakes I get every Thanksgiving and Christmas.

July 28 at 7:08 PM



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Maxine Ware lit a candle in honor of Bettye.



July 28 at 3:00 PM



Maxine Ware July 28 at 3:03 PM

To the family of Betty Murray Atkins my deepest condolences Maxine Sheppard Ware ❤️🙏



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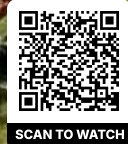
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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