



Betty Katherine Pentecost

March 12, 1926 - April 4, 2019

Betty Katherine Pentecost, 93, of Alexandria, Virginia departed this life on April 4, 2019 after a prolonged illness.

She was born in 1926 in Lewisburg, Kentucky. After high school, Betty left the family farm to attend college. At Vanderbilt University, Betty earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and met her future husband, Jarvis Pearson Pentecost of Doddsville, Mississippi. They had been married 65 years when Jarvis passed away in March, 2016.

She spent the majority of her nursing career with the Alexandria Hospital as a Registered Nurse, Instructor and Supervisor, always dedicated to ensuring quality patient care. She later continued nursing with the US Department of State.

Betty and Jarvis were able to travel throughout the U.S and around the world. Betty also volunteered for many years at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. She raised lush vegetables and flowers until the age of 90. Other interests included sewing, playing cards and board games, enjoying music, and embroidery. Betty spent her last months near family in Wilton Manors, Florida.

Betty's wit, intelligence, integrity, pragmatism, stoicism and spirit live on in the hearts and minds of many people: her family, her many friends, those she helped in her volunteer work and professional career. She displayed an impressive ability to adapt to the dramatic changes during her life, from a rural Depression-era childhood to the present day technological society. Once asked what annoyed and what amazed her most in the modern era, her answers were prompt and succinct: automated phone answering systems and the Internet, respectively.

Betty pioneered and embodied the spirit of modern woman, successfully balancing the responsibilities of home, motherhood and career. She will be missed.

Reception to follow

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choosing, or to the W. Cecil Frazier or Harold and Bertha Cumbee funds at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria.

Events

APR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Jefferson Funeral Chapel

5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315

APR **Memorial Service** 11:30AM

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First Baptist Church of Alexandria

2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA, US, 22302