



Betty Jean Thompson

July 7, 1925 - January 26, 2021

of Springfield, VA, departed this life Tuesday, January 26th, 2021. Born July 7th, 1925, in Inkster, ND, she was a graduate of (then) Jamestown College ('47) and (then) Western Reserve School of Nursing ('50). Betty proudly served as a public health nurse in Washington, DC and later for 23 years in Arlington, VA while rearing six children. She was an active member of the Church of the Savior in Washington, DC, Clarendon U.M.C, in Arlington, VA, and National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, where she served as deacon. Her interests included taking photographs, engaging in religious study, traveling the great United States and abroad, baking bread, preparing countless wonderful meals, ministering to internationals, participating in her decades-long ecumenical discussion group, exploring her strong Scottish heritage, and caring for her extended family. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Kingsley Prentiss Thompson, of 63 years. She is survived by her six devoted children Lydia Ann Rice of Rockville, MD; David Muir Thompson (Julia) of Crozet, VA; Peter Murray Thompson (Geraldine Schultz) of Glendale, CA; Timothy Guy Thompson (Susan) of Charlotte, NC; Martha Prentiss Thompson of Arlington, VA; and Priscilla Jean Mika (Timothy) of Houston, TX; fourteen cherished grandchildren; and thirteen adored great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by treasured parents Guy Fair Muir and Harriet Ann (Murray) Muir; and dearly missed son-in-law Donald R. Rice, grandson Douglas Paul Mika, and great-grandson Jacob Kingsley Savage. Visitation will take place on February 8th, 2021, 3-5pm and 7-9pm at Jefferson

Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315. A celebration of her life will be held there on February 9th, 2021, at 11 AM. Pre service music and livestreaming will begin at 10:30 AM. Graveside services will follow at Columbia Gardens Cemetery, Arlington, VA, at 12:30 PM. Streaming of the graveside service can be found at: <https://zoom.us/rec/share/249GizPsywlHbetCgKVPPZja-l4t-BRiuwy-uD706tclo0wdIE9xQ-lxhQSsK7mY.X9pZwZjvUa5mUQr3> Passcode: S4uK#UHQ. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the nursing program at the University of Jamestown, Jamestown, ND (<https://www.uj.edu>).

Cemetery Details

Columbia Gardens Cemetery

3411 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

Previous Events

Pre-Service Music

FEB 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB 9. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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3411 Arlington Boulevard
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jean Thompson*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 02, 2021 at 10:53 AM

JC

This webcast has not occurred. Guests will be able to access the livestreaming on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:30AM

Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 07, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JT

Where is the video? Not on at 10:36 as it says below.

JT - February 09, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Betty Jean Thompson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

JH

“ Der er en engleflok af mange i himmelen som fryder sig og fejrer den jesu-kærlighedshistorie som er blevet fortalt igennem Betty-Jean, og Kingsley Thomspens ægteskab, børn og børnebørn. Jeg er overbevist om, at Jesus har haft en smil på da han har taget Betty-Jean imod, som mit onkel har fortalt om her i mindeceremonien - det er virkelig en øje-åbende ting, at være ved siden af sin kære familie, når de har fyldt deres dage til ende. Jeg må indrømme at de tårer som er faldet her, er de samme, hvis jeg var der, på den anden side af den stor Atlanter-vandpyt - men der ville have været langt flere krammer og hilsner og sniknak på timerne bagefter. Jeg håber at mor og søs har måske kunne tage blomsterne hjemme og at de vil have Jesus med dem på dette tid. Jeg .. helt ærligt, jeg har mistet en hånd, men bestemt ikke kærligheden til dem.



There is a flock of angel-like folk in heaven who are joyful and celebrating that Jesus-love story which has been told through Betty-Jean and Kingsley's marriage, children and grandchildren. I am certain that Jesus has smiled brightly when greeting Betty Jean, like my uncle has shared here in the reflection ceremony - it is an eye-opener to be right beside a beloved family member when their cup of days has been filled.

I have to admit that the tears I had during the burial yesterday are the same I would have had if I were able to be present with you all on the other side of the Atlantic puddle, though I'd have gone for a lot more hugs, greetings and chitchat in the hours afterwards. I hope mom and sis have perhaps been able to take the flowers home, and that they will especially have Jesus with them during this time. I.. honestly, may have lost a hand, but really, not my love for them.

Jeanette P. Hansen - February 10, 2021 at 10:51 AM

PM

Such beautiful expressions of love Jeannette. I'm so thankful you got to join us during these days of honoring Mom and your grandma. She loved you so!

Priscilla Mika - February 13, 2021 at 07:59 AM

NN

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my grandma from my childhood, but most recent ones are of watching my girls form relationships with her. My older two girls were her first two great grand children, and my youngest regrettably never got to meet her. We treasure these pictures and the experiences that go along with them!



Nancy Noe - February 07, 2021 at 10:49 PM

PM

Such amazing pictures of incredibly special visits! Mom was a celebrity at Greenspring when those cute girls were there with her!

Priscilla Mika - February 08, 2021 at 07:06 AM

JT

Yes. I also think many people were a tad jealous that she had so many children and grandchildren who visited here. She was blessed, as her quiver was full.

Julia Thompson - February 09, 2021 at 09:26 AM

PM

“ *Two more from this October*



Priscilla Mika - February 07, 2021 at 05:32 PM

PM

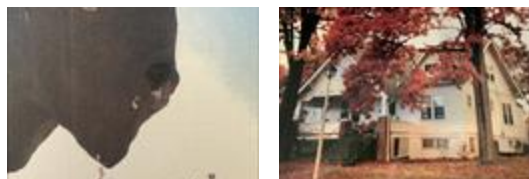
“ *Some favorite pictures I have found today. Lots of memories*



Priscilla Mika - February 07, 2021 at 05:26 PM

ST

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Thompson - February 07, 2021 at 04:31 AM

PM

Hard to beat these two pictures! The famous, in our family for sure, buffalo statue and 102. Mom's golden years as she would call them, raising the six kids. Now that we have all raised kids ourselves, we know what she was talking about!

Priscilla Mika - February 08, 2021 at 07:08 AM

PT

“ 42 years at 102 N. Fillmore St.



Peter M Thompson - February 07, 2021 at 01:51 AM

PM

remember when we used to play tree tag?

Priscilla Mika - February 08, 2021 at 07:00 AM

PT

“ Betty Jean by the memory shelf outside the apartment in Greenspring.



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 09:09 PM

PT

“ Pushing Grandma around the halls of Greenspring



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 07:57 PM

PM

what an awesome picture!!

Priscilla Mika - February 07, 2021 at 04:55 AM

PT

“ *Surrounded by family with a beautiful background - but where is David?*



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 06:48 PM

PT

And Martha?

Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 06:56 PM

PT

“ *A couple of selfies - not her thing.*



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 06:26 PM

PT

“ *When we were young, she came to us. In her later years, we came to her.* ”



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 06:05 PM

PM

So sweet, how kind of you to include all six of us!

Priscilla Mika - February 07, 2021 at 05:29 PM

PT

“ *Betty Jean Thompson was at home in the kitchen.* ”



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Thompson.* ”



February 06, 2021 at 05:38 PM

ST

“ *She won, two games in a row.* ”



Susan Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PT

“ *I agree with Annie Smith, as she said earlier: "She always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye. I will miss her."* ”



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 02:35 PM

PT

“ *Four generations with Timothy's and Priscilla's family.* ”



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 02:01 PM

PT

“ Four generations with Lydia's family and David's family.



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM

PT

“ Here's a three generation shot with Gerry Schultz and Jessica Yildiz on either side of Grandma, and then another three generation shot with Grandma meeting Jessica's husband Bulent. "Oh shaw," as Granddaddy Guy would say, due to COVID we could not get a four-generation shot, but here is Jessica with Layla Tuana Yildiz.



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:36 PM

PT

“ All those meals at Greenspring!



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:25 PM

PT

“ Mom loved visiting state capitals - we all got dragged to many of them when we were young. Here she is with a state quilt in her room at Greenspring.



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:21 PM

PM

so sweet!

Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 02:23 PM

PM

Peter, why aren't you pointing to any state?

Priscilla Mika - February 08, 2021 at 07:04 AM

PT

“ Mom was quite the game player. She would always root for you to win, but you had to earn it! Here she is with the famous large Chinese checker set, and a fun little video playing parcheesi with Priscilla. Priscilla is rooting for Mom to win, but Mom had to earn it!



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JT

I beat her one time at Parcheesi, but it was a fluke, a one-off. She was clearly the champion of champions.

Julia Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 04:24 PM

PT

“ Mom had to travel to farthest to visit me and my family in Glendale, CA. Here she is with a very young baby Jessica, with the twins Jeffrey and Jessica at Zion National Park, with Andrew at Disneyland, and then about to share a cake to celebrate a visit. Mom, we all love you and will miss you dearly.



Peter M Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 01:00 PM

PM

So beautiful Peter! Such a sweet picture of Mom and Dad, Jeffery and the steam ship!

Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 02:26 PM

DT

Peter -- You have captured Mom beautifully! Thank you for putting that together. // David

David Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ So much love for Grandma Betty Jean! I have always loved that my Mom, Priscilla Jean, named me Emily Jean and had that connection to Grandma as well. I am honored to pass the middle name down to my newborn daughter, Cameron Jean. I will miss Grandma so much and love all of the childhood memories at 102 playing in the basement, on the porch, and in the upstairs Green Bedroom. I love remembering all of Grandma's mugs scattered around the house and eating fresh bread at the small kitchen table. Then game nights with the family in the Dining Room is a legacy Grandma has passed on to us all.

Emily Huvelle - February 06, 2021 at 12:15 PM

PM

Nice memories! I remember when the table was big, and I never realized it at the time. Dad had made it out of a door and glued linoleum on one side. Blue with glitter is what I remember.

Priscilla J Mika - February 06, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Grandma was a wonderful grandma in every way and I miss her dearly. I am so thankful to have had her in my life for my 30 years so far. I am thankful to have not only sweet memories from childhood of grandma, but also that she was able to meet my own children. So many of my memories with grandma involve good food made with love- homemade bread, pea soup, 5 cup (ambrosia), and muffins spring first to mind. I will love you forever, grandma!* ”



Sharon Williams - February 06, 2021 at 06:12 AM

PM

Such nice memories and pictures. I forgot about the ambrosia, Mom loved that and made it alot!

Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 08:57 AM

PM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 05:47 AM

PM

“ So many, many memories of one of my biggest cheerleaders. I would say one of my precious memories is when Mom came and helped with all four of my newborns. I remember my first born Doug and my husband and I were relishing in the first hours of being home with our newborn and I thought we could handle it on our own. Mom would be there in an hour. By the stroke of that hour I was in the driveway holding Doug, crying waiting for help. Mom came and taught me how to care of a baby. She lovingly started me on the road of motherhood, One precious memory was her teaching me how to bathe the baby (before youtube videos). Through those weeks, she would let me rest, cook meals and bring Doug clean and happy and swaddled so cutely. She would help me with a baby challenge and she would say, this is one way to do this but there are many ways to skin a cat. Interesting way to put it, but she was encouraging me to not be afraid and try. I also remember her encouraging me to talk and sing to the baby a lot. Multiply this memory four times, helping with a newborn and then the older kids. My fourth baby, Greg, was born in September. I remember Mom saying, do you want me to come now or at Christmas? I said, how about both, and she did.

Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 05:29 AM

JH

“ Jeanette H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Jean Thompson.



Jeanette H. - February 05, 2021 at 07:20 PM



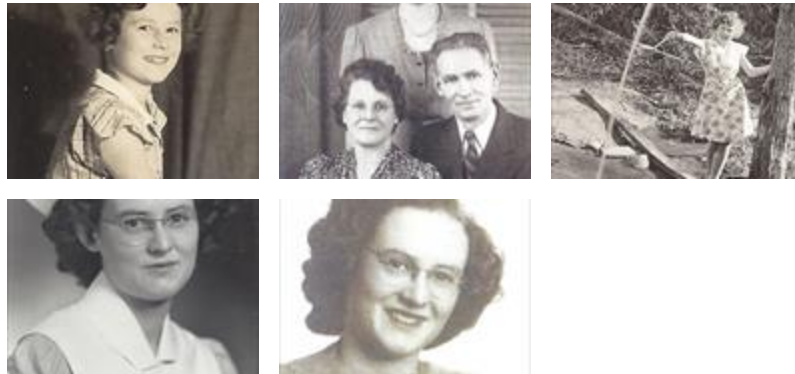
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Thompson.



February 05, 2021 at 10:20 AM

DT

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



David Muir Thompson - February 04, 2021 at 11:35 PM

PM

So many great pictures. I love the pic of Mom at the Inkster Spring.

Priscilla Mika - February 06, 2021 at 08:58 AM

ST

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Susan Thompson - February 04, 2021 at 07:02 PM

RD

“ Grandma was a very sweet woman, the quintessential grandmother. She really modeled family, faithfulness, and service to others. She used to read books to me and let me help her make oatmeal cookies. She sometimes took care of me when I was home sick and gave me soup. She always had fresh homemade bread for visitors, and she lovingly sewed her grandchildren toy rabbits. Grandma was a faithful wife of over 60 years, mother of 6, grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother of 14. Grandma had faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and is now in her heavenly abode.

Rachel Darg - February 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Thompson.



February 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM

DS

“ Hard to pick my favorite memory, but one of my favorites was picking grapes off grandma's vines in her backyard at 102. She would let me and then smile when I would winch and say "IT'S SO SOUR!"

Debbie Savage - February 04, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DS

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Debbie Savage - February 04, 2021 at 11:32 AM

ST

“ I first met Betty 40+ years ago, over a cup of tea at the kitchen table at 102. She welcomed me like she did everyone, with warmth and love. A better mother-in-law I can't imagine. She was unfailingly supportive without being intrusive. Her love for her family, expressed in so many ways, is something to treasure and to pass on the generations.

Susan Thompson - February 04, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TM

“ The Priscilla and Tim Mika family has never lived in the same location as Betty and King...
So, for going on 38 years, we have always traveled to "102" for our many visits. Almost without fail, whether we arrived at 2 pm or midnight, Mom would have a pot of split pea soup and plenty of homemade bread and butter to welcome us home. Tim Mika

Timothy E Mika - February 04, 2021 at 08:18 AM

AS

“ Remembering Betty makes my heart rejoice. She always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye. i will miss her.

Annie Smith - January 30, 2021 at 10:42 PM

JT

Betty, as my mother in law, was in my life for 38 years; whereas, my own mother was present only 18. I found it to be such a relief to have her show me how to cut my daughter's finger nails. Having been a trained nurse, not to mention an adept mother, we all trusted her advice on many things.

She once said to me that people who look back too much in life tend to get in trouble emotionally, and that looking forward is essential for a positive outlook. So true.

That her children loved her so dearly speaks volumes.

The planet will be blessed by her many descendants for years to come. She left a beautiful mark on all she met and loved.

Julia Thompson - February 06, 2021 at 04:21 PM