



Betty Massey Tolar

April 24, 1931 - April 2, 2014

Betty Massey Tolar, at age 82, passed into eternity to be with the Lord Jesus Christ, her Savior, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. She passed away at her home in Laurel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 5 at Memory Chapel of Laurel with burial to follow in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Rev. Billy Murphy and Rev. Allen Hill will officiate. Visitation will be Friday, April 4, from 5-8 p.m. She was born April 24, 1931 in Laurel where she lived her entire life. She graduated from George S. Gardner High School. She was a homemaker and worked at Sears in Home Improvements, retiring after 20 years. She was an active member of West Laurel Baptist Church. She was previously a member of Wildwood Baptist Church until it closed in 1999. During her life she worked in every aspect of church ministries. She especially loved the church library, working with children, and singing in the choir. She has led the Wildwood Family of Friends group for many years. She was greatly loved by young and old for her sweet spirit and the love for others she so freely and generously gave. She loved to travel and continued to do so until middle of last year. She was blessed to see so much of God's creation in this world. She visited all 50 of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Bermuda, and many of the Caribbean islands. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Roy Tolar, in October of 1996; by her parents, Leon Massey in 1982 and Alma Rogers Massey in 1972; and her only sibling, her brother Edwin Leon Massey.

She is survived by her only child, her loving son Stephen Douglas Tolar. She will be greatly missed. Pallbearers will be Adam Herrington, Austin Herrington, Glen Price, Jay Baucom, Wayne Meeks, and Jimmy Knight. Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Steve-you are in my thoughts and prayers. My mother also sends her condolences. I will always remember how gracious and patient your mom was w a rowdy crowd of high school kids back in the 70's. I know you miss her greatly. She was truly a lovely woman.

CJ Davis - April 15, 2014 at 02:22 PM

AW

“ In behalf of my parents: Please accept Edeltraut's and Anton's deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. They liked her friendly and humorously way when they met her in the seventieth. My parents will keep her in mind.

Anton und Edeltraut Weber - April 10, 2014 at 09:48 AM

KJ

“ Stephen, my parents and I are so sorry about you Mom's death. She was a special woman. I still remember our time at Wildwood and what a good bunch of kids we were. Our parents helped us be that way. Once again, I am very sorry.

karla johnson - April 05, 2014 at 07:02 PM

HH

“ Ms Betty was sure a lovely woman that loved our children and was always a fixture at the library at Wildwood. I remember her getting there early to open the library so the children could see their books. She will be sorely missed. With Love, Helen Hall and Family

Helen Hall - April 05, 2014 at 12:35 PM

MW

“ Dear Stephen,
I was deeply touched and saddened to hear yesterday morning from Mark and Markus that your mother Betty left us on Wednesday. Surely I can't imagine how difficult this is for you, but you are in my thoughts.
I loved Betty for her very warm and lovingly treatment toward me and I will always remember her hospitality and how much Betty made me feel at home when staying with you (so I called her my American mum). I also remember her visits in Germany in the 70th and our common trips in the beginning of the 80th, when we had a lot of fun. Betty was a lovable person and I am very happy to have met her.
Tanja's and my thoughts are with you at this most difficult time of loss.
Take care Manfred

Manfred Weber - April 04, 2014 at 05:04 PM

MW

“ Uncle Stephen, i am so sorry! Unfortunately i haven't had the chance to meet your mother personal. But because of that what my father told me and i've seen on facebook about her, it seems to me, she was a very special person with the heart on the right place. Be sure, in thoughts i be with you! Best wishes Mark

Mark Weber - April 04, 2014 at 03:23 PM

TW

“ The Angels in Heaven are dancing today! Mrs. Tolar was one of the sweetest, most caring people I've ever known. For years I saw her at Town & Country Beauty Shop. I loved to talk with her & visit. When she became unable to talk, she would write notes on small pieces of paper. I kept some of them. I can't help but smile everytime I think of her. She was a wonderful lady. Giving her the "thumbs up" sign, I'd just like to say, "I'll see you soon, Mrs. Tolar.”

Tammy Wells - April 04, 2014 at 12:39 PM

SM

“ Steve I am so saddened by your loss. Mrs Betty was one of the finest Christian Lady's I have ever known.

Sherry Williams McAndrews - April 03, 2014 at 09:32 PM

CL

“ Stephen, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Ms. Betty was a wonderful person, and she will be missed. I know you will miss her so much. My prayers are with you at this time.

Celine Craft Luker - April 03, 2014 at 08:33 PM

JB

“ Doug I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother.. My thoughts and prayers are with you.. Jay Broadfoot

Jay Broadfoot - April 03, 2014 at 04:20 PM