



Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat

August 25, 1933 - February 4, 2023

Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat, 89, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 4, 2023 reuniting with the love of her life, her husband, Dale Berlon Jefcoat, who she married June 20, 1958 and her precious firstborn baby boy, Larry Dale Jefcoat.

Bettye was born on August 25, 1933, along with her twin sister, Ellen Jean Stringer Watkins, in Taylorsville, MS to Selonee and Eula Ainsworth Stringer. She was a graduate of Taylorsville High School and attended nursing school at South Mississippi Charity Hospital in Laurel, MS becoming a registered nurse. Bettye was a compassionate and caring nurse for many years at South Mississippi Charity Hospital, The Medical Center of Laurel, Ellisville Municipal Hospital and South Central Regional Medical Center.

Bettye was a faithful member of Big Creek Baptist Church where she participated in Sunday School, Choir, Women's Missionary Auxiliary (WMA), Girl's Missionary Auxiliary (GMA), Galilean Ministry, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Just Older Youth (JOY) and the Homebound Tape ministry of the church. She spent many hours visiting with those homebound and unable to attend church, providing them with a tape of each Sunday's service.

Bettye was a Webelos and Cub Scout leader while her sons were active in scouting. She was always sure to involve the whole family in each adventure,

whether it was racing at the Pinewood Derby, exploring historical locations or constructing a covered wagon for the Laurel Christmas parade.

Bettye enjoyed working in her yard and garden. Her yard was immaculate and she shared her beautiful roses, fresh vegetables and delicious fruits with everyone. The favorites among family and friends being her blueberry pound cake and blueberry pie.

Bettye was an avid photographer, taking pictures to document every occasion. On family trips across America, a stop was included to take a family picture at each state's welcome sign.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She was known for always remembering each family member's birthday with a card. Everyone looked forward to receiving her cards in the mail on their birthdays. Bettye remarked her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her proudest accomplishments.

Bettye is survived by her three children, Sarah Jean Jefcoat Turner (David) of Madison, MS, Don Berlon Jefcoat (Delight) of Soso, MS and John David Jefcoat (Fanasy) of Ellisville, MS; seven grandchildren, Robert (Robbie) Dale Jefcoat (Brooke) of Laurel, MS, William Corey Jefcoat (Breanna) of Saltillo, MS, Emily Elizabeth Turner Mallory (Patrick) of Madison, MS, Laura Catherine Turner (John Gibson) of Memphis, TN, John Nathan Jefcoat of Laurel, MS, John Ethan Deming and Whittman Slade Deming of Madison, MS; three great-grandchildren, Kingston Rhodes Davis Jefcoat and August Beck Jefcoat of Laurel, MS and William (Liam) Beckett Jefcoat of Saltillo, MS; three sisters, Bobbie Stringer Tanner of Laurel, MS, Ellen Jean Stringer Watkins of Moselle, MS and Mary Stringer Thomas of Brandon, MS; her sisters-in-law, Shirley Graves Jefcoat of Ellisville, MS and Diane Jefcoat Lamb of Petal, MS; her brother-in-law, Dr. Douglas Franklin Jefcoat (Cheryl) of Soso, MS; her dear friends, Jo and Earl Yarbrough of Soso, MS and many beloved nieces and

nephews.

Bettye was predeceased by her husband, son, parents and in-laws, Virgil and Ola Ellzey Jefcoat; her sisters and their husbands, La Nelle Stringer Gatewood (Charlie) and Loraine Stringer Hards (Elmer); her brother, Roland Collette Stringer; daughter-in-law, Rebecca "Becky" Cheeks Jefcoat; her brothers-in-law, Rooney Weaver Tanner, Francis Julian Watkins, Doc Jefferson (DJ) Thomas and Major Darroll Jefcoat and her niece, Mildred (Millie) Jane Gatewood Colquitt.

The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff of The Blake Township in Ridgeland, MS, the caregivers and staff of Siena II at St. Catherine's Village in Madison, MS and the doctors, nurses and staff at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Services will be Friday, February 10, 2023 at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, MS at 10:00 AM. Visitation will be Thursday, February 9, 2023 at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, MS from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Burial will be in the Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery immediately following the service. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren: Robbie Jefcoat, Corey Jefcoat, Nathan Jefcoat, Ethan Deming, Whit Deming, Patrick Mallory and John Gibson.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

8 Big Creek Church Rd.
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Soso, MS 39480

Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Big Creek Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a sweet sweet lady that always had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed. Saying prayers today and for the days to come for the family.* - Jennifer Newton

Jennifer Newton - February 08, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat.*



February 07, 2023 at 08:16 PM

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“ *Love, Steve purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat.*



Love, Steve - February 07, 2023 at 04:23 PM

DA

“ *We're so very sorry for the loss of your mother. Sending hugs and prayers to all of you during this time.*

deanna allen - February 07, 2023 at 01:22 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends during these days.

Amy and Phil Williams - February 07, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat.



February 07, 2023 at 07:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Bettye Jane Stringer Jefcoat.



February 06, 2023 at 10:12 PM