



Elizabeth A. Dunkerton

July 10, 1955 - June 4, 2026

Elizabeth Anne (Betsy) Dunkerton entered heaven on June 4, 2026, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where she had resided for the past year. Previously, she was a long-time resident of Wintergreen/Nellysford, Virginia.

Betsy was born on July 10, 1955, in Bronxville, New York, and grew up in Briarcliff Manor, New York. She attended Wheaton College in Illinois, graduating in 1977 with a degree in music education. Music remained a vital thread throughout her life. Her early career began with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minnesota, after which she returned to Briarcliff Manor to work for an advertising firm in New York City. During those years, she was an active member of the Community Bible Church of Ossining, New York.

In 1983, Betsy moved to Wintergreen, Virginia, where she joined the marketing team at Wintergreen Resort. Throughout her 37-year tenure, she served in various capacities, including marketing director, and eventually retired in 2020. Betsy was also a dedicated member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, where she shared her gift of piano playing. She found great joy in accompanying the choir, and her fellow members became some of her closest friends.

Beyond her musical talents, Betsy was a gifted cook, seamstress, and quilter.

She lovingly created beautiful wedding cakes for her siblings, nieces, and nephews. Her Christmas cookies were legendary; she would fill dozens of large tins with a tempting variety of treats for family and friends. She also continued her mother's tradition of hand-knitting personalized Christmas stockings for new members of the family, a treasure they will cherish forever.

Betsy was predeceased by her father, Tom Dunkerton; her mother, Sherline; her brother, Peter; her aunt, Barbara; and her niece, Emily Dunkerton. She is survived by her sister, Robin Mentzer, and Robin's husband Kip Mentzer of Riverton, CT; her brother, Rick Dunkerton, and Rick's wife Paige of Taylorsville, MS; and her sister-in-law, Janine Dunkerton of Crozet, VA.

"Aunt Betsy" deeply loved her many nieces, nephews and their spouses: Amy Jarvis (Russell) of Hartford, CT; Grace Rupe (Derek) of Emeryville, CA; Luke Mentzer (Sarah) of Chattanooga, TN; Lucy Burt (Sam) of Hanford, CA; Aubrey Schlup (Jason) of Newnan, GA; Jeremy Dunkerton (Sam) of Taylorsville, MS; Elise Harrell (Jake) of Benton, LA; Sarah Sizemore (Nate) of Palmetto, GA; Hannah Stoker (Clarke) of Gulfport, MS; Thomas Dunkerton (Jaclyn) of Soso, MS; Joanna Stephenson (Brayden) of Calhoun, MS; Kate Dunkerton of Taylorsville, MS; and Daniel Dunkerton of Crozet, VA. "Great Aunt Betsy" also cherished her 25 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Betsy's steadfast faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was the cornerstone of her life, providing her with profound hope and peace. She leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, kindness, and faith that will continue to guide all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and forever treasured.

A graveside burial service will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Hebron Cemetery in Mississippi.

The family is planning a memorial service to be held near Wintergreen, Virginia, later this summer.

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

Cemetery Details

Hebron Cemetery

43 Hebron Centerville Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Soso, MS 39480

Tribute Wall



“ *Betsy shared her gift of music with us at Trinity for so many years, playing the marvelous hymns of our faith and accompanying the singers. We first met her and her family in 1986 when Mike was the summer pastor at Wintergreen We loved our time at their home as Tom and Sherline sponsored that ministry. It was also wonderful to know Sherline's mother and we could see how her life of faith was passed onto Betsy. What a wonderful family and always so good to see Betsy at Trinity when Mike returned as interim in 2021-23. Thank you Jesus for her life of faith and service. Janice and Mike Sharrett Forest, VA*

Janice Sharrett - June 20 at 09:19 PM

JF

“ *Betsy was a dear friend for so many years at Wintergreen. Always generous to and accepting and supportive of her friends. Betsy was present for the home birth of my son Jacob, and also baked his wedding cake. She traveled to Vermont for my daughter's wedding, having spent so many wonderful times with my daughters in Nelson County. While we hadn't been in touch in some years, I feel very sad that Betsy is gone. I loved and admired her.*

Juliana Frosch - June 13 at 01:13 PM

BB

“ One has truly never lived unless traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway with either Betsy or her dad, Tom at the wheel. Those twists and turns - what I call "flying" around the bends all the while talking a mile a minute. A taste of New York "cabbie style." I owe a debt that I can never repay to Betsy and the Dunkerton's - a family rooted in the Faith of Jesus Christ. Betsy asked me to become part of a bible study in Charlottesville, VA - where I developed a deeper, richer relationship with Jesus and His ways. "Hold Fast" Hebrews 10:23, 1Thessalonians 5:21 and Revelation 3:11 became a message or secret "code" between us and for a time it graced my VA license plate to spread the gospel. To God be the glory my sweet friend, my dear sister in Christ. -

Beth Baker

Beth Baker - June 08 at 10:32 PM



“ One of my memories of Betsy was going to her house to help make some quilts after 3 different Wintergreen employees had house fires. I was not an official member of the "stitch & b***h" group but was welcomed in to help! Not sure they gave me anything too intricate to cut! She was a kind and loving person. Glad I had the opportunity to know her.

Melissa Robinson-Barnes - June 08 at 08:43 PM

AL

“ Love you ms Betsy just like you told me.

allison - June 08 at 12:07 PM

AL

“ *Betsy was a beloved friend here at The Claiborne in Hattiesburg where she lived for the last year of her life. She struggled mightily with poor health but stayed cheerful under difficult circumstances. She had a very strong Christian faith and now is healed and whole once again in heaven. She will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her*

Annette Linn - June 07 at 11:44 PM

DS

“ *Many sincere condolences to Betsy's beloved family. Thank you for loving and caring for her when she was in need. I know she was so grateful.*

My memories cover many years, having shared an office with her for 15 years. The loss of Sherline stands tall, but most were happy times, sharing grapefruit at lunch, swapping family stories and discussing books and Mars Hill tapes, all while working very hard! She was interested in so many things. I remember a big birthday party for her at her dad's house. So many friends and family and everyone brought a cake of some sort. It was a beautiful memory. For a change she didn't have to provide the cake!

I loved her family stories, like how Tom delivered fresh squeezed orange juice to Sherline in bed every morning. A tender expression of love.

A beautiful well-lived life. I would have liked more time.



Deb Sheffer - June 06 at 07:05 AM

MC

OK, we had so many road trips together. They keep coming back during this time but one particular trip she flew out to Sedona to drive back east with me and Rufus. We kept missing our appointed dinner dates with family and friends by hours because of the adventures we had on the way like leaving Colorado Springs after a family dinner with cousins looking for a gas station in a town that didn't exist called Summit, which was on the map, but as we found out later was only the name of the county and not a town we came to a point where there was a sign which road closed, after getting lost for quite a while in the dark, I insisted on continuing on this road whereby she put her foot down and told me that when the sign says road closed, you shouldn't continue of course she was right. We eventually made it to our destination, she was the best road companion a person could have after so many trips together. I hope we meet again in that highway in the sky.

Michael Caouette - June 06 at 09:19 PM

MC

“ Betsy was the foster parent of a purple tongue dog named Rufus whenever I traveled, she would take care of him and bring him to work. I was often nervous about what he would get into when I was gone in one day I came back into her office and asked where he was, she directed me to the head of marketing's office of the hallway where he was fast asleep under Jack's desk I could always count on her to help me out

Michael Caouette - June 05 at 10:10 PM

BL

“ *Betsy was a steadfast and dedicated friend. I met her in a Bible study soon after she moved to Virginia, and we have been fast friends ever since. Betsy was always there to celebrate the good times (which often included making something delicious to eat) and to encourage during the difficult times, with prayers and scriptures. For several years, she would get up early each morning and text a verse from a hymn to some of her friends. It was such a beautiful way to encourage us to start each day focused on the Lord. This just one small example of Betsy’s devotion to God and to her friends. I will miss her very much.*

Becky Llewellyn

Becky Llewellyn - June 05 at 06:22 PM

AF

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



A Friend - June 05 at 12:49 PM

DL

Please, please let us know when Betsy’s memorial near Wintergreen will be. Betsy was the sweetest person ever. We are going to miss her so much. We are grateful for her faith in Jesus and her kind life. Praying for all her family.

Donna & Ed Lewis (former members at Trinity Pres)

Donna Lewis - June 05 at 05:56 PM

SM

“ Robin, Kip, Rick, Paige and all of Betsy's family, Betsy was such a wonderful friend and coworker. I will truly miss her and I will think of her often. We had such a great time working together at Wintergreen. Betsy was a true Christian woman who love the Lord. I send you all much love and may God comfort all of you during this time!

Shirley & Michael Marshall

Shirley Marshall - June 05 at 12:37 PM

TC

“ Trinity Presbyterian Church purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth A. Dunkerton.



Trinity Presbyterian Church - June 05 at 11:46 AM