



Betty Sue Basham (Beasley)

March 14, 1938 - August 25, 2025

Betty Sue Basham (Beasley), 87, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2025, in Blacksburg, Virginia. Born on March 14, 1938, in Radford, Virginia, she lived a vibrant and meaningful life rooted in love, creativity, and unwavering devotion to her family and faith.

A proud honor student and graduate of Auburn High School in Riner, Virginia, Betty went on to attend Radford College. Her early academic achievements were just the beginning of a life marked by curiosity, elegance, and an enduring zest for learning and experience.

Betty's life was filled with color-both literally and figuratively. Known for her impeccable sense of style and her signature red lipstick kisses lovingly left on the cheeks or foreheads of her children and grandchildren after every visit, she brought joy and flair wherever she went. Her love for timeless fashion was matched only by her passion for beautiful hats, shoes, costumes, and clothing that reflected her unique personality. Yet it was not just her outward appearance that made her unforgettable-it was her radiant spirit that truly stood out.

She had a deep appreciation for the arts and culture. Whether attending performances at the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra or enjoying theater productions during shopping trips to New York City, Betty embraced life with

enthusiasm. She found joy in traveling far and wide, flying to new destinations with excitement. At home, she created beauty through her rock gardens and immersed herself in books and movies that stirred her imagination.

Betty's heart belonged first and foremost to her family. She was a devoted mother to Dennis Cleon Basham, Daniel Gray Basham, and Denise E. Basham Montgomery (and husband Kurt Montgomery), as well as to her late eldest daughter Diana Sue Basham. Her legacy continues through many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who carry forward the values she instilled-kindness, strength of character, generosity regardless of circumstance, and an unshakable sense of right and wrong.

She is also remembered with love by her sister Judy Beasley East; brothers Edward Haven Beasley and Timothy Owen Beasley; also former husband Richard Cleon Basham; and is reunited in peace with her parents Edward Owen Beasley and Pearl Sutphin Beasley; brothers Richard Robert Beasley and Gregory Preston Beasley.

Betty was a woman of deep faith who often spoke of her desire to finish this earthly journey with the hope of seeing the face of Jesus in Heaven. Her steadfast belief gave strength not only to herself but also to those around her during both joyful moments and life's more serious times.

She balanced no-nonsense wisdom with laughter; she gave freely whether she had little or much; she stood firm for what was honest while embracing others with warmth. Above all else, Betty Sue Basham remained true to herself-a loving mother, grandmother, sister, friend-and a woman whose spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her.

May her memory bring comfort to those who loved her deeply and joy to those who remember the sparkle she brought into every room.

A private service will be held.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ 1 file added to the album *More of Mommy*



Denise B Montgomery - September 13, 2025 at 10:47 PM

DM

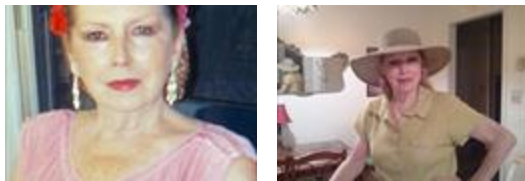
“ 1 file added to the album *Momma at the Life Guard Stand*



Denise B Montgomery - September 13, 2025 at 10:43 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album *Photos of Mommy (Betty)*



Denise B Montgomery - September 13, 2025 at 10:39 PM

SP

“ Dennis, Danny, Denise & Cleon,
I have so many fond memories of Betty. She was a classy lady &
was blessed she considered me a friend. RIP Betty you will be
missed.
Sharon Perdue

Sharon Perdue - September 02, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BJ

“ Betty Will Never Forget all our Talks if years gone by...I know your In
Gods Beautiful Garden..Love Huggs Prayers For all the Family ❤️
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Becky Jones - August 31, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LH

“ I remember meeting her when I went to the little restaurant beside
the log cabin store years ago that was owned by Charlotte, she
would be sitting there at a table smiling and speaking to everyone,
very nice and friendly woman. So sorry for everyone's loss, prayers
for everyone.

Lisa Holloway - August 31, 2025 at 08:21 AM

TH

“ I remember Betty from my teenage years and on into my adult years
Betty was the most sweetest lady also looking so elegant wherever
she went .I was blessed to know such an Angel on earth. I'm so
sorry for y'all's loss ❤️

Tammy Potter Haga - August 30, 2025 at 10:42 PM

TM

“ Your mother was an amazing wonderful woman. Everyone loved her. She gave the world a reason to smile. She always had a beautiful smile. I remember her mostly I was waiting on her and your dad at Hales restaurant. Your mother had a fashion of her own. She was so beautiful. She will always be to me Betty Boop. That's what I called her when she would come in the restaurant she would laugh and she would smile and that memories are with me forever. God bless you and your family and your loved ones. I love you all. You're in my thoughts and prayers.



Terry Kingery McGinnis - August 29, 2025 at 11:09 AM

WS

“ I remember seeing Betty at hales restaurant often I went to her home one time and got a kitten from her have worked with two of her children and a grandson so very sorry for the loss God be with the family amen

WILLIAM STARKEY - August 29, 2025 at 02:39 AM

DE

“ Deborah lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Basham (Beasley)



Deborah - August 28, 2025 at 06:22 PM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. I know Betty Basham was well loved by many. Sending condolences to all her family and loved ones. I know their hearts are broken today. Prayers your hearts will be comforted

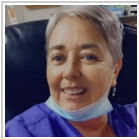


Deborah Boothe - August 28, 2025 at 05:44 PM

SS

I am so sorry to hear of your beautiful mother passing. I remember Betty as a beautiful and extremely kind and friendly lady. She always looked like she was ready to be on the cover of a fashion magazine. I am sure she will be missed by many. I pray that God will be with the family during this difficult time.

Sylvia Pearson Sink - August 28, 2025 at 11:34 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear that Ms. Betty has passed. I was fortunate enough to be her nurse and really got to know her. The sweetest most lovely lady who was always kind & caring. Sending my heartfelt condolences to all of her family and friends. You will be missed Ms. Betty.



JoBeth Brown - August 28, 2025 at 07:29 AM

VF

“ Vanessa Scott & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Sue Basham (Beasley).

Vanessa Scott & Family - August 27, 2025 at 09:47 PM

VF

“ Vanessa Scott & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Sue Basham (Beasley).



Vanessa Scott & Family - August 27, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Sue Basham (Beasley).



August 27, 2025 at 08:42 PM

JS

“ Julie Sisson lit a candle in memory of Betty Sue Basham (Beasley)



Julie Sisson - August 27, 2025 at 06:57 PM

SA

“ To Betty's Family,

The tribute to you has the best way to describe you, we first met when our children started school together and that was over fifty plus years ago. Yes, you were one in a million and lot of people did not understand what a special person you were to anyone who came in contact with you. You were well advanced in what was happening in the world around us. I really enjoyed our time that we spent together, and I had thought about you many times during the past years. In fact, I recently mailed you a letter and I found out you did receive it.

Betty will be welcomed with open arms to join the ones who have gone on before her. May God be with your family and God bless each one of you. Take care of one another has you go about your lives and know that you will see her again in a much better place than we are today.

*Sandra Atkinson
Lorrie Atkinson-Mims
Murrells Inlet, SC*

Sandra - August 27, 2025 at 06:38 PM

AS

“ Denise, I am so, so sorry to read the post on FB today, 8/27/25. I have you and your family in my prayers at this most difficult moment. I know what you are going thru now. God Bless You.



Ann Sarratt - August 27, 2025 at 06:19 PM

TM

I'm so sorry for y'all's loss Betty was a nice and loving lady she always was dressed really nice she's gonna be missed!

Tony Matz - August 27, 2025 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ Miss Betty was one of a kind. I loved to be able to just sit and talk with her. She was so smart! And her sense of style and fashion were unmatched. She shared some of her bountiful wardrobe with George when he was in the womanless beauty pageant on the 4th. She dressed him as an exotic belly dancer, all in pink. The veil covered his mustache nicely.
I will miss her.

Melinda Smith - August 27, 2025 at 05:18 PM

VS

*It is with deep sympathy that I express our condolences for Mrs. Betty! I met her 2 years ago when my sister was at Heritage Hall. I saw her and thought she was the most beautiful woman! After that moment, a bond was formed. We got to know her and she my family as well. We loved her very much and her family. Our last words were "I love you" to each other. She was very kind. If my love could have kept her from transitioning, she would have been here still. But God loved her more and called her home where there is no more pain. She had suffered enough. To the family, I love you guys and may God give you strength and comfort in knowing that Mrs. Betty is doing fine now. She is healed. Love and peace,
Be blessed*

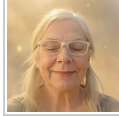
Vanessa, Roscoe and Missy

Vanessa Scott - August 27, 2025 at 09:39 PM

TL

“ So very SORRY! FLY HIGH ANGEL! I remember Mrs. Basham coming to our class. She had been on one her exciting escapades. She floated in the room with grace as only she could! Delightful dressed in vibrant colors from head to toe. We had such fun with her that day! As we did during ALL her visits! PRAYERS for her family!!

Tracy Hale Loving - August 27, 2025 at 04:11 PM



Loved her very much! She was one of a kind. Beautiful inside and out! Prayers for her family.

Deborah Vest - August 27, 2025 at 04:48 PM

AB

Denise, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Prayers.

Allen and Rita Bennett - August 27, 2025 at 06:39 PM

GH

So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was such a nice friend.

Gail Chumbley Hooper - August 27, 2025 at 07:46 PM

DG

We are so very sorry for the family and many friends. Our love and prayers. Very Special Lady. Always fun and much laughter.

Deb and Ed Gallimore - August 27, 2025 at 09:13 PM

WA

What a BEAUTIFUL Obituary to remember Miss Betty. ❤️ I remember when I was in High School and sitting with the Four Ds. We had many adventures so long ago. She was so good to me, mom and dad. We cooked out went for drives and to the Starlight Drive In. She was BLESSED to have a long and wonderful life. PRAYERS.

Wilma Ashworth Sisson Alderman - August 28, 2025 at 06:49 AM

DE

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Deborah - August 28, 2025 at 06:22 PM