



## Betty Jean Craighead Perfater

October 10, 1940 - January 18, 2021

Betty Craighead Perfater, age 80, of Lafayette died Monday, January 18, 2021, in her home. She was born in Irons, Virginia on October 10, 1940 to the late George Washington and Della Elizabeth Woods Craighead. She was also preceded in death by her husband C. Milton Perfater.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Dale Akers, of Elliston; sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Ray Epperly of Christiansburg; grandchildren, Joshua Akers and wife, Shelly, Caleb Akers and wife, Miriam, Aaron Akers, Jonathan Akers; great grandchildren, Annabelle Akers, Gabriella Clausen, Jase Akers. Special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Internment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

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“ Betty was like a second mom to me. I loved to hear her laugh. I witnessed her kind and loving heart many, many times. I enjoyed all the trips we took, as well as the endless miles we walked shopping. She will be sadly missed.



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**Regina Coles** - January 23, 2021 at 09:13 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about your Mom Robin. Everytime we saw her and your Dad in Walmart he said he was going to sit down until we finished talking and it was going to be a long wait! I also took care of her through home health during her first bout with cancer. They were always my last stop because I knew I would be there for a good while talking. Your Dad said you can just sit and stay awhile. She will sure be missed as well as your Dad Linda, John and Brian Early

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**Linda Early** - January 21, 2021 at 05:59 PM

BA

“ Robin, So sorry to learn of your Mother's death. She was such a special person so loving and kind and giving. I was Milton's cousin and always enjoyed being with them. Always keep her beautiful memories in your heart where they will remain forever.

*With Love,*

*Betty Anderson*

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**Betty Anderson** - January 21, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Betty's passing, though I lost touch with her many years ago I have often thought of her. My condolences to the family at this difficult time, you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Betty's mom and my mom were sisters...

*Robert Early*

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**Robert Early** - January 21, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ Betty was a very SPECIAL person. Always loved being with her in church, and Listening to her stories. Will be so missed. So glad I had a visit with her recently.

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**Karen Bethel** - January 21, 2021 at 02:48 PM

VM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your family's loss, May God comfort you all in your time of sorrow.



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**Vickie & Brandy @ Moog** - January 21, 2021 at 06:21 AM

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“ I have known Betty since I was little. Me and Robin grew up together, went to school and church together for years. Betty was always so sweet and fun to pick on. Not a better woman, mother, or grandparent ever lived.

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**Nathan Dunn** - January 20, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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“ I have so many memories of Betty, my cousin, my best childhood friend, it is difficult to choose from. I loved staying with her and I know we must have driven Aunt Della nuts! We roamed the woods, slipped away to the river even tho it was not allowed, I would go with her early mornings to milk the cows before we walked to school. We cut the head off a duck so we could cut it up like a chicken and fry it. Funny thing, frying a duck is much different from a chicken--ours was not edible. We played on the train trestle, another not to do, but lucklily we had plenty of time to vacate either direction. I loved the Craighead family from childhood until now. They were all special to me and I will feel Betty's loss so much. She was born in October and I was born in November the same year. The Doctor who came when we were born actually got Betty's birthdate wrong and had bd in November, also. Guess what, she tried to get her social security in October but had to wait until November. Edith, her sister, and my sister Linda were 2-3years younger, so sometimes they had to tag along. Milton was like a brother to me; I introduced the two of them at the old Blacksburg Skating Rink. They were a perfect match. Betty was a terrific MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, AUNT, GREAT CHRISTIAN AND FRIEND TO MANY. She will be missed bu we know her suffering will be no more. My love goes out to all her family who took such great care of her needs. There will never be another like BETTY JEAN CRAIGHEAD PERFATER. B CB. " ,,,,,, ""

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wanda woods waltz - January 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM