



Betty Godwin

March 30, 1934 - November 21, 2023

Betty Zene Godwin, 89, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday November 21, 2023. Born March 30, 1934, in Hazelhurst, Georgia, daughter of the late Zene and Alva (Smith) Kirkland. Betty spent most of her childhood in Hazelhurst, Georgia before her family moved to Turkey Creek, Florida where she graduated from high school. In her early career days Betty worked at Badcock Furniture store, then became a Licensed Beautician, and then years later worked part-time in a jewelry store. Most of her life was dedicated to being a mother and housewife. She had a love and passion for reading the Bible and listening to the gospel on television. She was an exceptional listener and loved engaging in conversation about the “good ole days”. Betty, and her late husband Jim, enjoyed traveling to various places in the United States including the great state parks out West. They also loved going to Helen, Georgia to enjoy the changing of the leaves, the mountains and sitting out on their property admiring the lovely scenic lake. Her hobbies included: SHOPPING (especially for unique antiques), collecting cookbooks (recipes), and watching the cooking channel. Betty is preceded in death by: James Ralph Godwin (husband), Larry Alan Godwin (son), Zene William Kirkland (father), Alva (Smith) Kirkland (mother), Joan Kirkland Conrad (sister). She is survived by: her loving daughter Lisa Godwin Harris (Jay), grandson Emmanuel Paul Houvardas (Fabio), her two sisters Frances Faye Basel (Chuck) and Sandra Kirkland (Betsy), along with loving cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. The family wishes to give special

thanks to all the amazing caregivers through the years, the staff at Azalea Park and the Hospice team. There are no words to express our love and gratitude to all of you. The family will be receiving friends and family on Wednesday the 29th of November 2023 at: GENTRY-MORRISON FUNERAL HOME SOUTHSIDE CHAPEL, 1727 BARTOW ROAD, LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801, 863-688-7679, VISITATION 9:00am and the SERVICE is at 10:00am.

Cemetery Details

Turkey Creek First Baptist Cemetery

4915 W Trapnell Road
Plant City, FL 33566

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
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Service

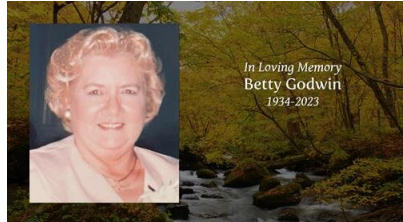
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Godwin*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 25, 2023 at 12:26 PM

RJ

“ *Mrs Betty Godwin is was a pleasure to have lived next door to you and jimmy and growing up with your 2 children..I bet jimmy is dancing in the rain. When you walked thru the gates of heaven..plus Larry probably was to..until my time to go there..Rip peace.. Robert Ellis*

Robert L Ellis jr - December 10, 2023 at 04:51 PM

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“ *Cara Reinhold purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Godwin.*



Cara Reinhold - November 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Godwin.*



November 26, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *Love, Lynn and Mark Bruner and family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty Godwin.*

Love, Lynn and Mark Bruner and family - November 25, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Godwin.*



November 25, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *My mom and I were blessed to help care for Ms. Betty in the last few years of her life. We will miss her caring spirit and her stories. She is in the arms of Jesus now and will be greatly missed.*

Angelia M Johnson - November 24, 2023 at 09:14 PM