



Betty B. Roberts

January 17, 1930 - January 2, 2023

Betty Jo Bryant Roberts, 92, a local cattle farmer known for her work with FFA youth and stewardship of the Little Flock Church in the Green Swamp Community, died Monday, January 2.

Mrs. Roberts was born January 17, 1930 in Lakeland and attended Lakeland High School. She retired in 1977 to the family farm of her now-deceased husband, Hiram Miles (Miley) Roberts, to raise cattle, hunt, fish and enjoy life through her love of bluegrass music, travel, cooking, friends and family. She was an active member of the Polk County Womens Cattle Association, Treasurer of the Little Flock Church and a member of the Green Pond Cemetary Committee. She served the Green Swamp Community as a poll worker for seven presidential and countless local and state elections.

She was predeceased by her parents, Julian and Zonia McDuffie of Jesup, GA and a brother, A.A. Bryant Jr. of Waycross. Mrs. Roberts is survived by a sister, Katy B. Minchew of Waycross, GA; a son, Carlton Alvin Roberts (Deborah) of Newnan, GA; a daughter, Patricia Denise Snellings (Jerry) of West Paducah, KY; six grandsons, Matthew McDuffie Roberts (Catherine) of Sandy Springs, GA, Josef Miles Roberts (Kimberly) of Auburn, GA, Seth Taylor Roberts (Sally) of Newnan, GA, William Alexander Roberts (Meredith) of Marietta, GA, Jeremy Ryan Snellings (Kimberly) of Pleasant Plain, OH and Jacob Nelson Snellings (Nicole) of Holloman AFB, NM; a granddaughter,

Mollie Mills Roberts of Atlanta and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens on Friday, January 6 from 6-8pm. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 10:30am at Green Pond Cemetery. Pall bearers will be her grandsons and granddaughter. After the graveside services, friends and family are invited to a dinner on the grounds of the Roberts homestead.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Roberts and her family request donations to be made to the Polk Education Foundation to fund agricultural studies in Polk schools.

Cemetery Details

Green Pond Cemetery

5965 Green Pond Road
Polk City, FL 33868

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside Service

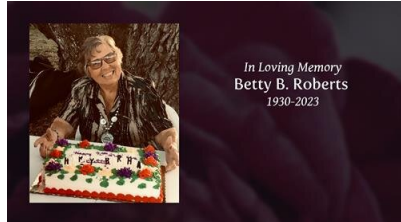
JAN 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Polk City, FL 33868

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty B. Roberts*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 05, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 06, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 06, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 06, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 06, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 05, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 04, 2023 at 06:35 PM

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“ *My Dear Aunt Betty...you are and were such a big part of my early childhood. Memories of going to Jesup and spending time at Grandmother Duffy's house and always seeing you and Uncle Miley and visiting with Carlton! I can hear your laugh and vividly see your smile. I love you and I know Uncle Miley was waiting on you. Loving you always, Deborah*

Deborah Minchew Owen - January 04, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Betty B. Roberts.*



January 04, 2023 at 05:05 PM

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“ *My Dear Aunt Betty! I have so many wonderful memories of time spent at her home in Jesup, GA when I was growing up. I got to visit her a few times down in Florida & loved my times with her. I'm so grateful that I got to share her 90th birthday with her & enjoyed a great celebration. What a long & full life! We will miss you, "Hollywood!" Hope you & Uncle Miley are having a grand reunion together!*

Mary Katherine Wiggs - January 04, 2023 at 03:24 PM

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“Betty Roberts and her husband Miles treated me as a son and were there for me when I needed their guidance during my stay at the old Brown homestead in th Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area. We had many laughs together and Betty kept me well fed. They both liked to tease me and when I was asked if I liked mud fish I replied, “Hell no!.. I don’t eat those things!” About two days later Miles called me at my office and invited me to supper. After eating about 6 or 8 fig patties and commenting how good they were Miles grinned his sly grin and told me that he didn’t think I liked mud fish!! You could have heard Betty laughing in Polk City! I loved them both and am fortunate enough travel had the opportunity to tell Betty that and how much they meant to me about a month ago... I will never forget them...Larry Parrish, FHP, retired.

Larry Parrish - January 03, 2023 at 08:08 PM