



Betty Jean Bitting

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Betty Jean Bitting, 70, of Riverview, FL, passed away on April 25th, 2022, after a difficult battle with ALS. Betty was born on July 25 of 1951 to Emerson and Majorie Gillenwater in Kingsport, TN. She graduated from Gate City High School in 1971. In 1972, she met Charles Bitting and they wed the same year. They went on to have 1 child, John Bitting. After retiring from her position at Diagnostic Clinic in 2012, Betty spent her time caring for her grandson, attending church, and visiting with family and friends. Betty was predeceased by her mother Majorie, her father Emerson, and her brother Clayton. She is survived by her husband Charles, her son John, her grandson Dominic, her granddaughter Penelope, her sisters Gincy and Barbara, and her brothers Sammy, Michael, Wayne, Dennis, and Darrell. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL from 12:00pm to 1:00pm with service beginning at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The ALS Association or to a charity of your choice.



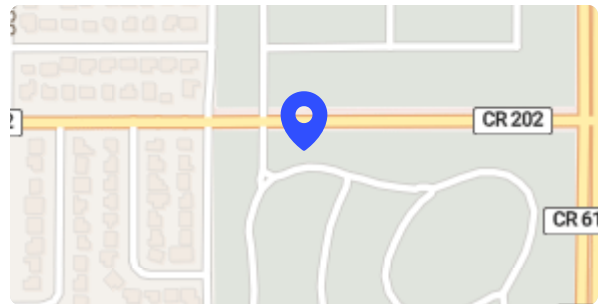
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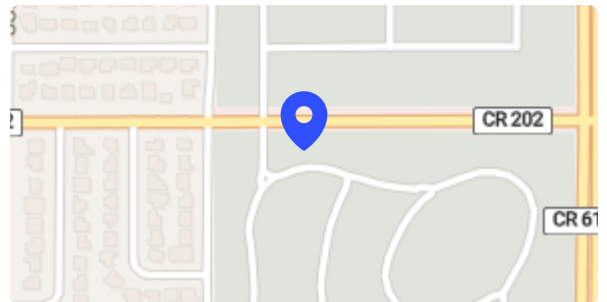
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- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



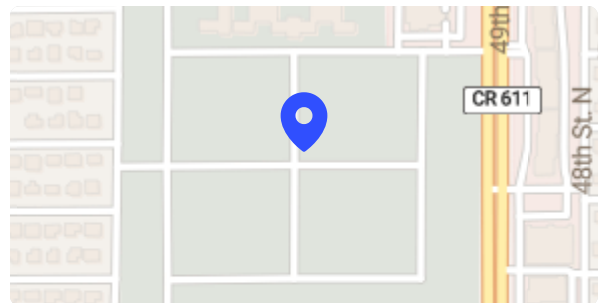
Funeral Service

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Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709
- (727) 369-8228**





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Brenda Derosiers posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Bitting family. A true kind person whom I loved dearly. Peanut butter balls was our thing. Thank you for such happy lunches. I will miss you my friend. Love you Brenda Lee

September 3 at 3:07 AM



Chris Roetzer posted:

A kinder and more caring person I've never known. It's sad to know the last trip I had to Tampa before Covid to visit my long-time friends Charles and Betty would be my last to see Betty's smiling face at home our out at one of our favorite places to eat. My visits often were just lunch or dinner and some time at their place, but we always enjoyed the time, meal and some laughs. I've known Charles and Betty nearly 36 years; Charles hired me to work on his team at Western Reserve Life in 1986. I moved on to other teams, companies and careers, but we've kept our friendship through the years. I used to joke with Charles that Betty was the "nice one"! Of course, if you know Charles well too, he's a pretty caring person himself. Betty, rest well, you're at peace now. I know you're sending love and strength to your loving family you've left behind temporarily in this world. Let them know it's ok and that you're still with them, just in a different way. You've shown them what love and care is, and they've learned well. God bless. Your friend, Chris

April 30 at 5:39 PM



Chris Roetzer sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Bitting family.



April 30 at 5:21 PM



Dorine Mouchka posted:

Charles, "Hoping your treasured memories bring you some comfort day by day." My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. --Dorine Mouchka

April 29 at 5:12 AM



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LC

Liz Caradine sent a virtual gift in honor of Betty.

Betty was a very special friend and classmate! We graduated the same year and vowed to always stay friends and in touch. We did for a long time staying in touch only at Christmas and when we would have a high school reunion. Then in 2014 my son and daughter-in-law moved to Riverview. And my granddaughter was born. It dawned on me then that Betty lived in Riverview!! As it turned out she only lived about 3 miles away. What a coincidence!! Anyway I called Betty when I was there visiting and we got together many times after that. Betty and Charles came to my granddaughters 1st birthday party. What a special day that was. And of course Betty came bearing gifts!! She was such a special lady. So kind and giving!! I am sad and still in disbelief. I was so blessed to have known this special lady!! My heart is breaking for Charles and her family!! Praying God will give them the strength they need to get through the difficult days ahead! She was so very proud of her John, her Nicky and Penny!! She would send me lots of pictures of those grands. They were her pride and joy!! Rest in Peace my friend until we meet again! 💜💜👤👤



April 26 at 6:55 PM

JM

Joni Mcalpin posted:

Betty was such a special friend to me... more like a sister. Our friendship began because we both worked for Allstate Insurance. From that moment when we met, our lives were entwined. Our boys were born close in age, we both left Allstate after our sons were born so we could raise our "special gifts from God". Our boys became friends because we had many play dates and lunches together. This all made for a special bond between us. We kept in contact with a special group of girls from Allstate Insurance Company and we all had many dinners and fun times together. After Betty moved to Riverview we didn't get together as much, but always kept in contact by phone and thank goodness by Facebook. (The only reason I like FB is because of "the keeping in contact and sharing pictures"). Betty loved her family and friends. She had a heart of Gold. Yes, Betty loved Charles and her son, John with all her heart and soul, BUT the LOVE for her Grandchildren, Nicky and Penny, was indescribable. I will miss my friend, Betty, greatly, but to know she is now whole and not in any pain and she is with our Heavenly Father and one day we will get to meet again in Heaven. For now Betty, you will be missed immensely, but you will be looking down on Charles, John, Nicky & Penny and all the rest of your family and friends and you will be their Guardian Angel. Love you my friend 💜

April 27 at 6:33 PM



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Judy Jenkins Kilgore posted:

I was so blessed to have Betty as a cousin. Her dad and my mom were brother and sister. I always loved going to their house to play with all the cousins, there were no toys, just trees and the creek! My Mom and Dad absolutely adored their nieces and nephews. Mom often spoke of Betty and her handsome husband who lived in Florida. As we grew older, our main contact was by Christmas Cards. When Facebook came into the picture we loved to chat and share stories and photos of our family. Betty was so proud of John and his children. My heart is breaking for the family here on Earth, and I am sending love, prayers and asking for peace and comfort for all the family. But, I am rejoicing that she has reunited with all the family and friends waiting for her in heaven! Rest In Peace Betty, my sweet cousin, I will see you one glad morning! ❤️😭❤️

April 27 at 6:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bitting family.



April 27 at 5:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Bitting family.



April 27 at 12:15 PM



Lisa Payne Morley posted:

I was only around six years old the first time Charles brought Betty to our house. I remember thinking how pretty she was and so nice! As I grew older and came to know and love Betty, my first impression just grew stronger. My heart goes out to Charles, John, and the rest of the family. May they find peace and comfort from the prayers and love surrounding them.

April 27 at 6:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Bright and Beautiful Spray to the Bitting family.



April 27 at 5:49 AM



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GS

Gary Schadler posted:

My wife Cheryl and I were so sad to hear of the passing of our very good Friend...We first became friends with Charlie and Betty at the first NCO reunion at Ft. Benning Ga. Since then we have been keeping in touch on facebook...Betty and Charles have always been such a caring couple and so willing to help out with anything put before them.. Again ,our thoughts and prayers are with Charles and the Bitting Family. Betty will truly be missed by all. So sorry for your loss. Gary and Cheryl Schadler

April 27 at 5:31 AM

RW

Ruth Ann Walker posted:

I Sent A Message, But Got Lost Some Where?.Betty/A Close Friend And I Considered Her A Sister. We Use To Laugh, Saying A Sister From Another Mother.Betty & I Either Talked On Phone Every Day Or Messaged Each Other Many Times Of Day.I'm Devastated At Her Passing And Leave A Hole In My Heart.Betty Would Come To My Home And Spend 1-2 Nights. We Shopped Of Days, Ate Out, Then Evening Meet Close Friends, Eat Out Again, She, I, & Other Close Friends Came Back To My House, Laughing & Chatting To Wee Hours Of Night.Those Memories Will Last In My Mind Until T he Time I Meet Her In Heaven. I Know T hat Betty Is Now Pain Free,Happy, & Rejoicing, Hugging & Praising JESUS.Thank You Charles & John For Your Excellent Care You Gave Betty.I Love You Betty/Friend/Sister. Ruthie

April 26 at 7:28 PM

SS

Shurley Subianto April 27 at 5:33 AM

I moved into Betty's neighborhood in Nov. 2011 to help care my grandson while his parents were at work. When he was a couple of months old, I started taking him for a stroll around the neighborhood. Betty and Charles were the first persons I made friends with...always caught them on the way home from their long morning walks. A long while later when my grandson was older, Betty mapped out their route so I could enjoy it too.Years later my granddaughter was born and two months later Betty's grandson, Nicky, was born. What a bond we made! As the grands grew older, we took them to our neighborhood library for toddler hour twice a week. They participated in the games as a team.When my granddaughter started pre-K, Betty introduced me to our community swimming pool (Betty preferred walking in the gym). At the pool I found out that there was a Ladies Club, which she was a member but gave it up when Nicky came along. I have been enjoying the pool and Ladies Club ever since. My friend Betty knew that I don't like to drive at night so she would pick me up to attend bingo. Won a few dollars once but Betty's company was worth way more than that.I will miss her dearly but rest assured, I will forever treasure her friendship. Charles, John, Melissa, Nicky and Penny, my thoughts and prayers are with you throughout this difficult time. On behalf of my family, our heartfelt condolences go out to you. Rest in eternal peace, Betty.



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Julie Billingsley posted:

I worked at Diagnostic Clinic with Betty, she was a joy to work with, she always had kind words to say about everyone. I've enjoyed sharing pictures of our grandchildren. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. Rest in Paradise Betty.

April 26 at 6:55 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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