



## Betty Jean Burress Holmes

October 24, 1933 - July 11, 2020

Betty Jean Burress Holmes changed her residence from here to her Heavenly Home on July 11, 2020.

She was born on October 24, 1933 at Berwind, West Virginia to the late Byrd Patton Burress and Ella River Mitchell Burress. She was the granddaughter of Zachariah Taylor Mitchen and Hanna Jane Sparks, and Raleigh Hamilton Burress and Cannie Combs Burress, all early Tazewell County natives. The family moved back to Virginia when Betty was 6 years old, where she attended Tazewell County schools, graduating from Richlands High School in 1950. Two weeks later, she married the love of her life, the late Alvin Lane Holmes. Her greatest desire in the years since his passing was to join him in worshipping her Savior.

Betty and Alvin were part owners of V.H. Holmes Salvage. They founded Life Sanctuary (United Pentecostal Church) in 1966 along with First Apostolic Christian School in 1979. They pastored for 38 years. Betty taught many children to read during the years she volunteered as the school kindergarten teacher and elementary supervisor. Even more children learned about Jesus from the many years she taught Sunday School. In the years after her husband's passing, she filled her time as she waited to join him with church work, reading, and becoming a news junkie. Many hours were spent cleaning and maintaining the church basement area...where she said she felt her late

husband's presence the most.

Besides her parents and husband, Betty was preceded in death by her sons, Tony Michael Holmes and Randolph Marshall Holmes, along with an infant child; her granddaughter, Shenendoah Holmes Walraven; her sister, Margaret Ella Burress Addison; and her brother, Raymond Burress. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Patricia Lane Holmes Christian and her favorite son-in-law, Farley Christian, Jr. of Richlands, Virginia

The daughter of her heart, Robin Frank Christian and husband, Lonnie and their children Angeline and Andrew and families of Cookville, Tennessee

Her sons,

Jonathan Chris Holmes and wife, Melanie of Richlands, Virginia

Mark Anthony Holmes of Richlands, Virginia

Granddaughters

Evangeline Holmes Barnhart

Tammy Jackson Bouton and husband, Mitchell

Micah Holmes Price and husband, Shawn

Hannah Christian Hensley and husband, Brandon

Ariana Holmes Duron and husband, Alex

Aleah Holmes

Her only grandson, Jostin Holmes and wife, Laura

Great Grandchildren, Heather, Meagan, Angel, Michael, Paul, Riley, Trinity, Abbie, Raegan, Adam, Abigail, Addison, Amara, and Cade also survive along with great-great grandchildren, Aaliya, Ari, Chloe, Nayomia, and Lorenzo.

She leaves behind two sisters-in-law, Pauline Bures and Rebecca Holmes.

Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

The Homegoing Celebration for Betty Jean Burress Holmes will be conducted at 11 AM on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Life Sanctuary Church in Richlands, Virginia with Reverend Farley Christian, Jr. and Reverend Brandon Hensley officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Nephews and Men of the Church will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the church from 6 PM until 9 PM on Monday evening, July 13, 2020.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Life Sanctuary  
Richlands, VA 24641

## Homecoming Celebration Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Life Sanctuary  
Richlands, VA 24641

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Burress Holmes*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Betty Jean Burress Holmes*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss. Sis. Holmes was a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed.*



**Sherrie Dowdy** - July 14, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *John And Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



**John and Wendy Reedy** - July 14, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss. This was a great generation family. David and Cindy Harrell...  
Family of Carrie Holmes Helton



David and Cindy Kabler Harrell - July 13, 2020 at 11:05 PM

BS

“ Betty Sargent lit a candle in memory of Betty  
Jean Burress Holmes



Betty Sargent - July 13, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



July 13, 2020 at 03:34 PM

BW

“ Brenda White lit a candle in memory of Betty  
Jean Burress Holmes



Brenda White - July 13, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



July 13, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



July 13, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Section 6 Churches purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



**Section 6 Churches** - July 13, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *Hilda (Jewell) Garrido lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



**Hilda (Jewell) Garrido** - July 13, 2020 at 09:43 AM

EK

“ *Mark and family, So sorry for your loss.*



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**Ed Lester an Karen** - July 13, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - July 13, 2020 at 08:00 AM

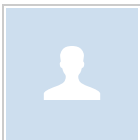
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“ *Carolyn Hess lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



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**Carolyn Hess** - July 13, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



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July 12, 2020 at 10:00 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Hale Webb lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



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**Patricia Hale Webb** - July 12, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



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July 12, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.*



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July 12, 2020 at 06:48 PM

FW

“ *Thoughts and Prayers*

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**Frances & Cleressa Ward** - July 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Patricia and Family, I am sorry for your loss.  
Your Mom was a sweet lady.



Truena Taylor - July 12, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Kimberly Mark Keen - July 12, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



July 12, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ I didn't know her personally. We know  
anthony. When she come outside she was so  
soft spoken. So sorry for your lost nothing we  
can say will ease your pain. May god bless  
each one of you while you are dealing with  
your exceptional lost.



Mark, Amanda, William , & Leighanna

Rutherford's - July 12, 2020 at 10:26 AM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



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**Judy West** - July 12, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RA

“ *Mrs. Holmes was an exceptional lady, always sweet and kind , soft spoken. And loved all she was involved in.*



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**Ruby Asbury** - July 12, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Rick Gilbert** - July 11, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JF

“ *Jerry ,Teresa McGlothlin And Family lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



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**Jerry ,Teresa McGlothlin and family** - July 11, 2020 at 09:56 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



Leroy Nelson - July 11, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Tim N Denise Greene lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



Tim N Denise Greene - July 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM

RM

“ *Rita McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



Rita McGlothlin - July 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ *Bruce & Linda Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes*



Bruce & Linda Mitchell - July 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes



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**Carolyn Pyles** - July 11, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY ! SOLD JUNK TO THE JUNK YARD MANY TIMES ! I WAS ALWAYS TREATED WITH RESPECT ! ALWAYS WAS WELCOMED AT THE CHURCH ! R.I.P. BETTY !



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**DAVID HORTON** - July 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Ira And Rita Perry lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Burress Holmes



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**Ira and Rita Perry** - July 11, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Patricia, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. God bless.

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**Pam Runyon** - July 11, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



July 11, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



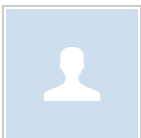
July 11, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



July 11, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Burress Holmes.



July 11, 2020 at 05:06 PM