



## Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick

April 24, 1936 - July 16, 2024

Betty Jack (Sawyers) Rasnick age 88, life long resident of the Richlands area, passed away surrounded by her children at her home on July 16th, 2024.

She was born to the late Ernest Sawyers and Bonnie (Williams) Sawyers of Mouthcard, KY. After graduating Feds Creek High School in 1954, she attended Pikeville College to study teaching. During this time, she met the love of her life, Jim Rasnick at a youth group meeting at Steelsburg Methodist Church. After Jim's service in the Air Force, they were married and made their home in the Richlands area for over 60 years. She had a passion for teaching young children, and taught in Tazewell County Public Schools for eleven years and private pre-school at Richlands Presbyterian Church for 29 years. She was involved in several civic and church organizations to include First United Methodist Women, the Josephine White Circle and served in her later years as a volunteer at Clinch Valley Medical Center. Betty was a beloved member of her community.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Bonnie Sawyers, and her beloved husband, James W. Rasnick, Jr.

Betty is survived by her children:

Son, Pete Rasnick, and his wife Jill of Collierville, TN.

Son, Ernie Rasnick, and his wife Beth of Richlands, VA.

Daughter, Melissa Pace, and his husband David of Cumming, GA.

Seven Grandchildren: Andrew Rasnick, Krista Tiller, Kim Meeker, Emily Promisel, John Rasnick, Carleigh Shepard, and Christian Shepard.

Seven Great Grandchildren: Madelyn Tiller, Walker Promisel, Sophia Rasnick, Jack Meeker, Quinn Meeker, Nora Meeker, and Ashton Promisel.

Three brothers: Bill Sawyers, Tex Sawyers, and Rick Sawyers

The family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to Betty's wonderful neighbors, friends, caregivers, and family who have been assisting her. A special thanks to the nurses and staff at Legacy Hospice and Palliative Care.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Michelle Harmon Scholarship at Richlands First Methodist Church.

The funeral service for Betty Rasnick will be conducted Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Devin Schultz officiating. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers are Pete Rasnick, Ernie Rasnick, Michael Tiller, John Rasnick, Ricky Sawyers, David Pace, Christian Shepard, and Doug Lawson. The family will receive friends on Saturday beginning at noon until the time of the service. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of 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).

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# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - July 21, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ Anita J. Short & Family lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick



Anita J. Short & Family - July 20, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ She was my 2nd grade teacher at Raven Elementary School and I worked with her at CVMC. She was a special lady. She will be missed greatly.

Cathy C - July 20, 2024 at 10:40 AM

SL

“ Mrs. Rasnick taught me third grade in '61/'62 and later taught my children (two of them) in Pre-School. She was one-of-a-kind! Words could never describe what she has meant to so many over the years. My prayers go to her children and grandchildren. May the Lord give you strength and comfort and may you know how very much she was loved and adored.

*In His Love,  
Sharon Powers Lowe*

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**Sharon Powers Lowe** - July 18, 2024 at 05:34 PM

CJ

“ Carleigh and Jonathan purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.



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**Carleigh and Jonathan** - July 18, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CJ

“ Carleigh and Jonathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.

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**Carleigh and Jonathan** - July 18, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CR

“ Going too miss you Mrs rasnake fly high too the heavens above....many prayers...



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**Chris Ryan Rogich** - July 17, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



Judy West - July 17, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BH

“ *Bill & Heather Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.*

Bill & Heather Howard - July 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

BH

“ *Bill & Heather Howard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.*



Bill & Heather Howard - July 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

DA

“ *Dickie and Susan Altizer lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



Dickie and Susan Altizer - July 17, 2024 at 04:51 PM

YF

“ Your Graydaze family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.

Your Graydaze family - July 17, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.



July 17, 2024 at 03:16 PM

PW

“ She was my 3rd grade teacher and she was still Miss Sawyers. I was actually in her first class at Richlands Elementary. She was a most precious soul and she remembered me every time I saw her which has been 65 years from that 3rd grade room. She was one of my most favorite teachers. I loved her dearly. Prayers for her children and grandchildren. May God bless each of you and give you comfort and strength at this most difficult time.

Pat Reedy Warner - July 17, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Tim Allen lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick



Tim Allen - July 17, 2024 at 10:10 AM

LD

“ *Lisa and Jackie Dye lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



**Lisa and Jackie Dye** - July 17, 2024 at 09:58 AM

JR

“ *John and Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



**John and Wendy Reedy** - July 17, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - July 17, 2024 at 08:17 AM

WD

“ *Wanda Deskins lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



**Wanda Deskins** - July 17, 2024 at 05:57 AM

GB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. RASNICK'S passing. She was a very sweet lady. My mom babysat for Ernie when she was working at Raven Elementary. Such a nice family. Prayers for your broken hearts. May God give you peace and understanding.  
Gaynell Asbury Brackens

Gaynell Abury Brackens - July 17, 2024 at 01:43 AM

CZ

“ Pete, wishing you and your family our deepest sympathy. Prayers for your family from the Ziglioli-Grell family.

Cindy Ziglioli-Grell - July 17, 2024 at 12:06 AM

EA

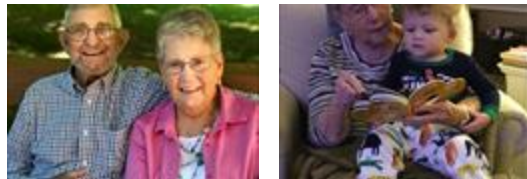
“ Emily, Dustin, Walker, & Ashton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty Jack Sawyers Rasnick.



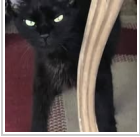
Emily, Dustin, Walker, & Ashton - July 16, 2024 at 11:08 PM

EG

“ I will always remember my Granny's hugs, her warmth, her cooking, the sound of her pressure cooker going, how she loved her family and how strong of a woman she was. She was a wonderful grandmother and great grandmother and we will miss her always.



Emily Rasnick Promisel- granddaughter - July 16, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *my 3 rd grade teacher and later my daughter' s nursesy , preschool teacher . a truly great lady* ”



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**Davie Horton** - July 16, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick* ”



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**Katrina Saxton** - July 16, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick* ”



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**Charlotte Vencille** - July 16, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Kathy Mcvey lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick* ”



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**Kathy Mcvey** - July 16, 2024 at 07:38 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Webb lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



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**Patricia Webb** - July 16, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LN

“ *Larry nelson lit a candle in memory of Betty Rasnick*



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**Larry nelson** - July 16, 2024 at 06:46 PM