



## Betty Graham

January 6, 1934 - January 3, 2018

Mrs. Betty Graham, age 83 of Conyers, died Wednesday, January 3, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Warren Graham and parents, Raymond and Hayden Bohanan. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Renee Graham; daughter and son-in-law, Greta and Jeff Beech; grandchildren, Brittany Graham, Katie Graham, Bethany Beech, Brenna and Bo Chambliss, Bailey Beech, McKenzie Beech, Abuk Wach and Abit Jurkuch; great-grandchild, Layla Graham; brother and sister-in-law, John and Carol Bohanan; and nephew, Alan Bohanan. Mrs. Graham was a life-long member of Smyrna Presbyterian Church. She worked for JoAnn Fabrics for 26 years. She served on the boards of 'Look Good, Feel Better' and Smyrna Presbyterian Church Cemetery and was in the Presbyterian Women's Group. A Memorial Service and Celebration of her life will be held on her birthday Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Smyrna Presbyterian Church with Rev. Mark Barbour and Rev. Stephanie Loftin officiating; family will receive friends Friday, January 5, 2018 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Soaring Heights Communities, Inc., c/o Darlene Hotchkiss, 250 Wren Road, Conyers, GA 30094. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Smyrna Presbyterian Church Cemetery

2920 Hwy 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Smyrna Presbyterian Church  
2920 Highway 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094

# Tribute Wall

BD

“Greta, thanks for writing to me. I am sad to learn about Betty’s passing, but rejoicing for her to be with our Savior and with her husband and other loved ones in Heaven. She was such a good friend and roommate at UGA, where she was called “BeBo”. After graduating we each worked as Home Economist with the Extension Service, Betty in Fulton County, and I in Upson County, so we saw each other at conferences. We were in each other’s wedding one week apart in September, 1956. We kept in touch after that while I moved frequently with an Air Force Georgia bulldog. She came to his funeral in Moreland, Georgia almost 2 years ago, and then came to see me that summer when I was visiting my brother in Senoia. We had such a good visit. I will always think of her as one of my sweetest friends.

*Betty Bowers Darden, Brandon, FL*

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**Betty Bowers Darden** - January 25, 2018 at 09:31 PM

DL

“I worked with Betty in the early early days of Cloth World - before it was JoAnn’s. She was always smiling was a true joy to work with. My condolences to the family.

*Donna Rauch Lanford*

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**Donna Lanford** - January 12, 2018 at 04:02 PM

SG

“ Betty was a beautiful person. Always positive and upbeat. She worked part-time for Look Good Feel Better, packing complimentary skin care and makeup kits for cancer patients. She never complained and was loved by all. I will miss her dearly, as will the other workers. May you rest in peace, Betty.  
Sandi Garon-Robison - LGFB

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**Sandi Garon-Robison** - January 10, 2018 at 10:10 AM

TH

“ Miss Betty was loved by all of her Joann family, but she was also loved and respected by those of us who were lucky enough to have shared time with her during our days at Uptons :) Her smile and upbeat attitude never failed to put smiles on our faces too! My husband and I had just checked out with Miss Betty on Saturday the 29th - she looked well, was happy to see us, and was her chatty self as we remembered our fun days at Uptons - what a blessing to have that memory! We will all miss her.  
Teena Hawley

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**Teena Hawley** - January 06, 2018 at 11:38 AM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. Betty will be missed by so many, she was a ray of sunshine wherever she went. I did not know her as long as most, but she was very special to me. Being new at Smyrna-Betty took me under her arm and became a friend. The earth has lost a beautiful soul, Heaven has gained another angel.

*Beverly Grizzard*

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**Beverly** - January 06, 2018 at 09:27 AM

LL

*My deepest condolences to the Graham family . I worked with Betty at the conyers Joann for several years. We are all saddened and heart broken. She will be missed by so many at Joann`s. Betty was one of the sweetest, kindest, most considerate person I have had the pleasure to work with. The heavens are rejoicing that her soul has come home. We here, that she left on earth, will miss her forever. We love you Betty. ❤️*

*Leah Lopez*

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**Leah Lopez** - January 06, 2018 at 07:25 PM

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“ *Greta, Bethany and family.  
So sorry for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. All my thoughts and prayers to all of you. I know how hard this is.  
Love, Debie Little*

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**debie little** - January 05, 2018 at 04:36 PM

LM

“ *I worked with Betty for several years at Joann Fabrics and she was one fine and gracious lady and our friendship continued on after I left there and I always looked forward to seeing her and talking to her when I would go in there to get supplies for my various sewing projects and we would talk as much as we could at the time. I will miss her so much and it will not be the same for me when I go back into the store. Loved you Betty.*

*Luanne K. Mowrey*



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**Luanne K Mowrey** - January 05, 2018 at 03:26 PM

RM

“ Ron, Kay and Matt Maddox purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Graham.



Ron, Kay and Matt Maddox - January 05, 2018 at 01:13 PM

KC

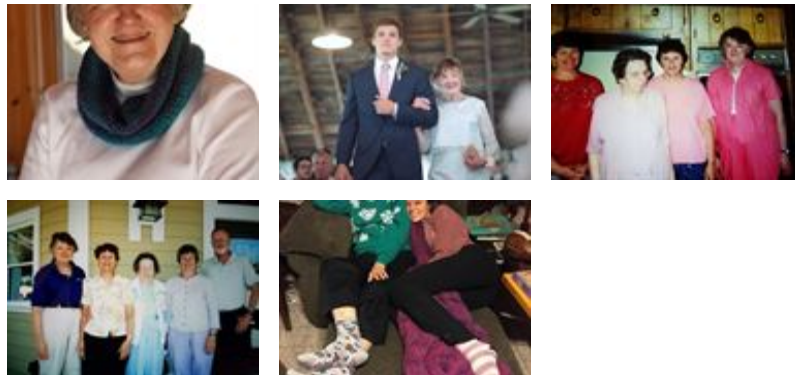
“ Kristi Coggins lit a candle in memory of Betty Graham



Kristi Coggins - January 05, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - January 05, 2018 at 12:35 PM

“Greta and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Betty's passing. I'm sorry for our loss but celebrate with you heaven's gain. Words come short describing Mrs. Betty. She was always an example of kindness and joy. I met Mrs. Betty around 1998 while costume mom for the Middle School Fine Arts program in Rockdale at the time. I sewed a little and was asked to take lead on this team. As I designed costume ideas for these productions I would stand in JoAnn's feeling extremely inadequate, close to tears missing my Granny, who had been the one that taught me to sew, kicking and screaming I might add. I walked around the store wishing she was there to help me know how many yards of this fabric, how many buttons, do I remember how to sew in a zipper, how do I make a tree for Jack and the Beanstalk without a pattern? I must have looked quite a mess but there was Mrs. Betty saying, "And how can I help you today?" What an answered prayer she was that day. Well that was the first of many times Mrs. Betty saved the day, or the PLAY, to be honest.*

*As my children got older and moved on up to Heritage High School, Willa Kerr talked me into taking lead on the drama's renowned costume team. Overwhelmed with this new project, I could not have stepped into that role without Mrs. Betty as my sounding board and encourager. There were so many times I had to create costumes and props without patterns. She would always know how much fabric I needed to buy and had suggestions as to how to assemble these creations. All while smiling and spilling Jesus on everyone around her.*

*Imagine my delight when I found out her beloved grandchildren had joined the HHS drama program. Of course, Greta and Mrs. Betty jumped right in and started helping on the Costume Team. It's easy to say that I learned so much more from Mrs. Betty than just sewing costumes. She will be greatly missed but I look forward to seeing her again on the other side of Glory.*

*Lori Herring Brennan*

**Lori Herring Brennan** - January 05, 2018 at 09:26 AM

LA

*While redecorating Smyrna Presbyterian Church office Betty allowed me to pick out the material and asked my opinion on the drapes. She then did her magic. The office was just a cheerful looking place She was indeed a gifted seamstress and a servant of the Lord.*

**Lana Alexander** - January 05, 2018 at 11:50 AM



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



January 05, 2018 at 08:44 AM

AB

“ *Ms Betty was the sweetest, most considerate, kind hearted lady I have ever met. I had the privilege of being one of her many managers thru her 26 year career with JoAnns . JoAnns was Bettys happy place she adored all her customers and was loved by all. God certainly has an angel in heaven with Ms Betty .. She was an angel here on earth.. We will miss you forever. Love you Betty. ❤️*

**Amy Besanceney** - January 05, 2018 at 07:18 AM

NJ

“ I am part of the Piecemakers Quilters Group at Crossroads UMC and I just wanted to tell you how much we all loved “Ms Betty” as we all called her. She was always so helpful and always wanted to know what we were working on. I have many times seen her deal with the most impossible customers with calm and grace. She was a blessing to many. Our love and prayers are with you at this time. She will surely be missed.

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**Nancy Jackson** - January 04, 2018 at 09:51 PM

BL

“ We knew Betty all of her life; a smiling, loving face at all times. We send our sympathy to all the family and want to be remembered to John, especially.  
Bob and Jeanette Johnson Lackey

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**Bob Lackey** - January 04, 2018 at 03:58 PM

LM

“ Betty was Angel she touched everyone in a positive way. I am blessed to have had her as a co-worker, and friend. Mrs Betty was a light in a dark time for me and will never forget her. She was so humble and did anything she could to help those less fortunate. And never griped or complained. Love Mrs Betty you will always be loved and missed. I know you are with our Heavenly Father smiling and dancing and singing.  
My prayers are with all the family and friends know she is in a better place.  
Laura Marsingill

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**Laura Marsingill** - January 04, 2018 at 03:35 PM

BA

*Bill Almand*

*Betty was a high school classmate of mine. We both went on to higher education and graduated from UGA. Betty was an honor student and obtained the highest grades possible at UGA. She was one of the smartest and most likable people I have ever known. I will definitely miss her at our monthly lunch bunch gatherings. So long, Betty. I know there is a special place in heaven for you.*

*Bill Almand*

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**Bill Almand** - January 04, 2018 at 09:36 PM



*Ms Betty, You are the shining star of Joann's and I am so glad I saw you before I went on vacation. You were talked about highly to my Mom, saying what a kind soul you are. You were a grandma to a lot of us! My heart goes out to your family being personal or your beloved Joann's family. Melissa Joyner*

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**Melissa Joyner** - January 05, 2018 at 04:31 AM

PS

*Dear Family of Ms. Betty,*

*I met your Mother at Joann's years ago. But several years ago, I was in charge of Student of the Month luncheons at Conyers Middle School. Ms. Betty came for one of her granddaughters, I believe it was Bethany. We heard the story that Bethany didn't like to go to PE and would be found hiding behind doors so she didn't have to go. Since then I have asked about Bethany and what she would be up to in life.*

*You have been blessed to have her a long time. She was always smiling when I saw her. After the new store opened, she surprised me by staying on because the new store was so much bigger. I felt for her and the steps I know she had to make.*

*God bless you in this time and the days to come. He can feel your emptiness but I always thought if you loved your Mom, you would always miss her.*

*I learned of this today, as I just read about Bob Hinkle. Sally and Bob have been neighbors to my aunt for years. I know that ;your Mom and Sally worked together.*

*Pat Singleton*

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**Pat Singleton** - January 05, 2018 at 12:50 PM

NS

*Betty was a lovely person. I got to know her during our time spent working together at "Look Good Feel Better". She could cook the most delicious homemade cookies. I will miss her and I send my prayer and sympathy to all her family. R.I.P. Betty heaven has an Angel.*

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**Nina Sanders** - January 06, 2018 at 09:08 PM

SY

*To the Family, I am sorry for your loss.*

*Betty was such an asset to our JOANN team and will be sorely missed. Such a kind person, she made others around her feel warm. I remember a customer compliment that was sent in to our Corporate headquarters complimenting her customer service. The letter explained how Betty was assisting a customer with fabric but at the same time, had a conversation with her 5yr old son. Betty listened intently to his every word and made him feel like what he had to say was the day's most important message. How wonderful to not only make a difference for the little boy, but for his mother as well. This story was shared with our entire Region by our Vice-President who stated THIS is customer service. Betty always made me feel this way as well. Always glad to see you and ALWAYS a sunny disposition. She was special and we will miss her.*

*With heartfelt condolences,  
Shelly Yong*

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**Shelly Yong** - January 08, 2018 at 01:50 PM