



Betty Gatherum

September 21, 1948 - December 30, 2013

Statesville, NC- Betty Jo Gatherum, 65, of Troutman, NC and formerly of Bluefield, WV, died Monday December 30, 2013 in Statesville, NC. Born September 21, 1948 in Bluefield, WV, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Walker and Dorothy Belcher Walker. Mrs. Gatherum was a member of Bland Street United Methodist Church in Bluefield. She was a graduate of Bluefield High School and received her B.A. and M.A. from West Virginia University. She was an English and French teacher at Central Junior High School and Bluefield Middle School where she was also a cheerleading coach. Mrs. Gatherum taught German at Concord University. She relocated to Troutman, NC in 2013. Survivors include her husband, Robert Gatherum, III of the home; daughter, Leslie Baker and husband Brad of Mooresville, NC; two grandchildren, Brett and Brice; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday evening January 2, 2014 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday January 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. from Bland Street United Methodist Church with Rev. David L. Hall, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where Ed Austin, Jerry Crews, Larry Douglas, Bill Hageman, John Mahood, and Bobby Sinecosf will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Cecil Smith. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Mary's Cradle, 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral

Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Gatherum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Gatherum*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Rest in peace Betty Jo..you loved a full lives and touched so many lives,,May God bless her family.*

Debbie Smith Morris - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *I graduated from HS with Betty Jo. I am very sorry to hear of her passing. Praying for the family...God Bless your family... Class of 1966...*

Virginia Hoge Williams - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *Bob....I am so very sorry to learn of Betty Jo's loss. I am out of town or I would have certainly been there to honor her life and memory. Please know I am thinking of you and your family and sending prayers of strength as well.*

Debbie Jackson - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *Dear Bobby and Leslie, I have fond memories of teaching with Betty Jo at Bluefield Junior High. She was such a pleasant and positive person. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kay Monohan (Pendry) - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

DN

“ Bobby & Leslie - I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Betty Jo. I have many fond memories of her at Bland Street and the many opportunities I had to babysit with your family. May the many pleasant memories sustain you during the tough days. Praying for God's peace with the Gatherum family and friends.

Dona Walk Neal - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

MM

“ Mary and I were sorry to learn of Betty Jo's passing. Have comfort from the fact that she is at peace with the Lord. We have the fondest memories of all of your family. You meant so much to all of us personally and the community. God bless you and sincere sympathy from us. Al and Mary

Mary and Al Modena - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

SC

“ Dear Bobby, Leslie and family, We are saddened by the death of Betty Jo. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and pray that healing with God's grace will comfort you. Betty Jo was a dear lady. Love and care is sent from us, Mary Clark and Sam Cassidy

Sam and Mary Clark Cassidy - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JR

“ Bob and Leslie, We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Betty Jo. May God give you peace forever! With sincerity, and our love, The Romans.

Johnny & Susie Romans - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

DA

“ Bob, Leslie and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Betty Jo. I have known her since Leslie was a very little girl and we remained friends all through the years. She was a loving and caring person with such pride in her family. Losing someone whom you love so much is never easy but God is faithful to keep you in His arms and give you the peace and understanding to get through each day. Lean on Him and when you can't walk, He will carry you.

Dana Anderson - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

KW

“ Leslie and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kalie Berry Wilson - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

BS

“ Dear Bob and Family, My sincerest condolences on the untimely passing of Betty Jo. She was a dear classmate for many years even before BHS. I have fond memories of those wonderful times, her warm friendship, and bright smile. This must be a difficult time for you and the rest of the family, especially being the holidays, but our prayers and best wishes go out to all of you. We can't do much to help being here in the DC area, and regrettably must miss the services, but we're thinking about you! Bill & Karen Spracher BHS Class of '66

Bill Spracher - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful teacher. Your family is in our prayers.

Amy and Tim Barela - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

BH

“ To my cousin who I loved very much and also her dad Joe Walker. So sorry for your loss. Betty was a sweet and loving person. Her cousin Barbara Ann

Barbara Walker Haycraft - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ Mr. Baker, I am so sorry for your families loss... You all will be in my prayers.....

Monica Bourke - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

MY

“ Bobby and Leslie, we are so sorry about your lost. Betty Jo was a class act person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and we are sorry we can't be with you all but due to the that we are both sick with the flu.

Missy Simpson and Randy Yost - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

LT

“ I met Betty Jo in Junior High school while attending Fairview Jr High. Remebering all the good times we had sharing our friendship, many PJ parties at her home and just being a good friend. May she rest in peace. May God hold you in his hand during this difficult time. (LKT)

Linda Kelly Taylor - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JP

“ Mrs. Gatherum was a great teacher and was always nice to me in a time when things were hard. She was not just a teacher but a great person.

John Prasatek - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

BV

“ So sorry for your loss guys. Sending all of you plenty of thoughts and prayers! Love and miss you both. Bob

Bob VanDeventer - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ Bobby, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jane Thacker Costa - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

SJ

“ Leslie-I am so sorry to hear of the death of your mother. You are in my thoughts and wishing you peace during this very difficult time.

Stephanie Jackson - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

HC

“ We are so sorry for y'all's lost. Praying God continues to wrap his arms around the family !

Hal and Wendy Capps - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

TC

“ Leslie and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you. There are so many childhood memories flashing by as I think about your mom. She will be missed. You are in my thoughts.

Tanya (Murray) Clifford - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

CN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Gatherum was one of my favorite teachers in school. Praying for your family. May God give you comfort and peace.

Charli (Venable) Nolan - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

SD

“ Bobby and Leslie, I am so truly sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Betty Jo as a co-worker, church, Sunday school, circle and many other church activities we were in. Beyond that, she was a good friend and had a very kind and generous spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sherry Disibbio - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JF

“ Leslie and Family, We are so saddened by the news of your mother. She made an impact on everyone of my girls lives. I will forever be grateful to her. God Bless you all and know you are in our prayers.

Joe and Karen Simon and Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

AB

“ Bobby we are send our love and prayers to you and your family.

Ann and Bill Linkous, Kathryn T. Bradley - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

CA

“ So sorry

Carol - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

AJ

“ I am sorry to hear of Betty Jo's death. She always had a smile and a positive outlook. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Cherish your memories!!

Alva (Cassidy) Jones - March 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM