



## Betty Jo Lawrence

January 31, 1931 - October 30, 2014

Betty Jo Lawrence, 83, died Thursday, October 30, 2014, at her home of 50 years in Maple Acres, Princeton. She was born Betty Jo Harper on January 31, 1931, to the late Juanita Mary Bowen and William Harper in Charleston. She attended East Bank High School and Morris Harvey College to become a career woman, she started her career at Dunn & Bradstreet in Charleston and where she met her future husband when he almost ran over her with a truck. She married and moved with him to Parkersburg in 1962, then later to Beckley and then on to Princeton, where they raised at least three children. She became the office manager for Underwood Brothers Paving later Bluestone Paving. She retired from St. Clair Foods, all in Princeton. She was the owner of Lawrence Mobile Home Park in Green Valley and was most proud of being a good mother figure to many more children than she bore. She served as president of The Valley Women's Club circle 1969, and was Beta Sigma Phi "Girl of the Year" 1975. She was recognized as significant fund raiser by American Cancer Society in 1981 and received many accolades from the Princeton Little League when her grandchildren played ball. She was a Christian and a former Sunday school teacher. She was preceded and led into eternal life by her parents; her husband, P.J. "Skip" Lawrence; a sister, Frances Jarrell; and daughter, Anne Patrick. Betty is survived by and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Deborah L. Streeby and husband, Mike of Princeton; son, Paul Lawrence, also of Princeton; sister, Dorothy Usalis of Phoenix, Ariz.; and brother, Larry AL

McCormick and wife, Sandy of Fredericksburg, Va.; grandchildren, Angela, Chipper, Joseph and Michael; nieces, Becky, Debbie, Gey, Jackie, Kathy Rami, Ruthann and Sara; and nephews, Bryan, David, Darrel (D.L.), Gary, Greg, Jeffery, Jerry, Larry Gary and Troy.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Minister Tony Reed officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Friends and family will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggest in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 921 W. Neville Street, Beckley, WV 25801.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com).

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Betty Jo Lawrence.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jo Lawrence*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to just be seeing that Betty passed in 2014. I became acquainted with Betty when I worked at the Sweetheart Boutique In Princeton, where Betty was a frequent customer. In 1970, Betty gave me a darling little figurine of a little Christmas girl. I have cherished that little figurine through all of these 41 years. Your mom/ grandmom was a wonderful person, who has stood out in my memory during all these years....one of the most special people I have ever encountered. God bless you and may your mother resting eternal peace.*

*Sincerely, Joyce Sexton Marion Va*

**Joyce Sexton** - February 12, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sara lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Lawrence*



**sara** - May 02, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *I worked with Betty and Skip at Dun & Bradstreet. Lots of good memories were made there. I'm sorry to here of her passing.*  
*Helen Carver Beaver*

**Helen Carver Beaver** - November 07, 2014 at 01:40 PM

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“ *Debbie and Paul,  
So sorry to hear about Aunt Betty. She was an awesome lady and I have great memories of her. I wish that Sean and I could come and hug your necks. I know it is really hard to lose your mom. We are praying for you.  
Becky (Pitsonberger) Hart*

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**Rebecca Hart** - November 04, 2014 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Lawrence.*



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November 04, 2014 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Paul, Debbie and family: I am so sorry to hear about Betty's passing. She was a very dear friend to me for many, many years and through our friendship, I was fortunate to get to know you all. My heart is heavy for you but I know that you will find peace through the goodness of our Precious Lord. He will be your strength. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dana Anderson*

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**Dana Anderson** - November 03, 2014 at 07:17 PM

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“ *To the family of Mrs. Lawrence,*

*Our family is very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Lawrence. We will pray for god to comfort you all at this heart breaking time in your life. May god embrace you and comfort you in the days and months to come.*

*FROM: Daren and  
The Brummett family,*

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**Karen Brummett** - November 02, 2014 at 09:06 AM