

BETTY REESE LEWIS



Betty Ruth Reese Lewis, 82, passed away July 1, 2022. She was born May 15, 1940 in Zionville, North Carolina to Edward and Sarah Reese.

Betty moved to Callahan in 1962 when she married. She first worked at Horne's Restaurant, which was located just north of Callahan. Betty was a stay-at-home-mom when her children were young as they were her pride and joy. She spent their younger years making sure they were taken care of and knew that they were loved. Betty especially enjoyed volunteering as a classroom mom and helped organize many activities and events. More recently, you may remember her from Walmart on Lem Turner Road where she was employed as a people greeter for 28 years. She met some wonderful people whom she spoke of fondly and made many friends.

We are comforted by the fact that she knew Jesus as her Lord and Savior and is in Heaven for eternity. Betty loved gospel music, tomatoes, coffee and eating other people's desserts. Holidays with family were some of her favorite times. She loved watching her grandchildren hunt for Easter eggs and enjoyed awarding prizes for their efforts. Betty was an amazing southern cook, an excellent seamstress and a proud Wilton Cake Decorating certificate holder. She doted upon her children, bringing them breakfast in bed, sticking pacifiers in jelly and making hand crafted adoption dolls. She was funny, had an easy laugh and was generous with "I love yous." If you didn't spend time with Betty, you missed out on knowing a beautiful soul.

In recent years, she was cared for, in her home, by family members and two very special ladies. We would like to thank Latasha Taylor and Mary Jones for their love and care of our mom. Despite living in Florida, Betty always considered the mountains of North Carolina home. She missed her parents and spoke of them often. It was difficult to give her up here, but her heavenly reunion was most certainly joyous.

She is survived by her children Cindy (Matthew) Rodgers and Cathy (Hank) Martinez, Jr., all of Callahan and Bennett (Stacey) Lewis, Jr. of Jacksonville; grandchildren Taylor (Tommy) Williams, Alison Martinez, Alex Rodgers, Virginia Lewis and Josh Lewis; great-grandchildren Emily Williams, Austyn Kate Williams and Bradley Williams; her sister Marie Mast of Sugar Grove, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Sarah Reese; sister Jewell Reese; and brothers Johnny Reese, Burl Reese and Arvel Reese.

Betty was laid to rest July 7, surrounded by those who loved her most, at Zionville Baptist Church. Services were provided by Hampton Funeral Home in Boone, NC.