



Betty J. Saffell

March 15, 1939 - April 19, 2011

Betty J. Saffell passed away while surrounded by her family, on Tuesday evening, April 19th at her home in Benton Twp. after a long illness. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Dey-Florin Funeral Home in St. Joseph. The Family asks that any Donations/Memorials be made to Betty's favorite charity (St. Judes childrens Hospital) or to The American Lung Association. A Memorial service celebrating her life will be held at her home (777 Allen Dr. BH.) Sat. May 28th at 3:00pm where all family and friends are encouraged to join together.

Betty was born March 15th, 1939 in Leachville, Arkansas to Troy and Kathleen (Barrett) Blackwood. Throughout the years she worked many different jobs from the old VM corp. in the 1960's, to Modern Plastics Corp. and Gran-Tran in the 1970's, to Family Foods/Plumbs Grocery store in the 1980's-90's where she made many friends.

Betty is survived by her sons, Don Tackett Jr. of Watervliet, Mich. Terry Lee of Coloma, Mich. Todd Alan of Tulsa, Ok. Ted James of Benton Harbor, Mich. David James Saffell Grand Junction, Mich. A very special Daughter Lisa K. (Overson) Saffell. A sister, Sue Wittu of Imperial, MO. Two Brothers, Lonnie Blackwood of Columbia, MO. Les Blackwood of Cape Girardeau MO. Betty is also survived by 17 Grandchildren, 12 Great-Grandchildren (Including a Special Grandson, Troy Alan Saffell who helped care for her in her time of

need, and was truly "Grandmas Boy" after raising him from a baby. Also a very special Great Grand daughter, Aleigha Marie who brought so much joy, and so many smiles to her life in the past 10 years. Also numerous Nieces, and Nephews who cared very much for "Aunt Betty"

Family was the most important thing in Betty's life. She was a dedicated and very much loved wife, loving mother, and very dear grandmother who will be surely missed.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her Husband, James T. Saffell, Her Daughter, Tammy Lynn Tackett/Jaggers, Sisters Vonna and Naomi, and brother Jack Blackwood.

Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net

Previous Events

Service

MAY **28**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Betty's Home
777 Allen Dr.
Benton Harbor, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Lori Hines lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Saffell*



Lori Hines - May 15, 2014 at 05:05 PM



I am so sorry to find this - my husband & I were looking up people he used to work with at Plum's in Benton Harbor, we were going to drive up that way and thought of Betty. She was like a mom to him back in the 90's when they worked together. She was so sweet to our whole family, so generous, such a big heart. What a tragedy this angel isn't here anymore. May it be a comfort to her family to know what a legacy of love their mom/grandma left. You have our sincere sympathy. Pat & Lori Hines

Lori Hines - May 15, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *I will Love and miss you always Mother.. Your caring ways, and your courage will never be forgotten.*

Ted Saffell - May 15, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ T.J. Lisa and "Mike", my heart goes out to you and your family. I know the dedication you gave to your Mom with true love. When I think about dedication of a family, I think of you three. I love you guys and feel the hurt ,sorrow and pain. There are no words that can take away the void. Lisa, Betty was your MOM! You loved her so much. She was your best friend, sometimes she was like a child to you. I commend you and TJ for taking care of her daily needs. The meals each and everyday you prepared for her and even slept at her house every night just to make sure that she was ok or not afraid. Your extended family should appreciate the care that you gave to Mom. Betty was a mother to whom ever paths she crossed. I was blessed to have gotten to know her and fell in love with her southern heart . She knew my Uncle Joe Hyde (Papa Joe) that also meant a lot to me that she was friends with my mentor. May God give you comfort and wisdom thru this grieving with family today. May you rejoice with gladness that she is with her husband in heaven and not in pain. I would give anything to be there with all of you. I just found out today and would love to talk to you. I lost you # and want you to call me. I send your family a dove in remembrance for Mom. Every time you see a dove I hope this brings you comfort and a smile. Love always
Karen "big red" Varpa



Karen Varpa - April 30, 2011 at 12:56 PM

KG

“ troy i'm sorry to here about your grandma, she was a great lady, like a flower god picks the best ones first my thoughts &prayers are with you & your lil' girl god will watch over you we will be thinking of you.
karen giudice,jimmie bradley, tim &don lewis.

karen giudice - April 28, 2011 at 09:33 PM

CB

“ Terry and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Betty, she was a true southern lady, I remember coming to her home for many cook outs and she would be so happy with all her children and grandchildren around her. It didnt matter if you were "blood related" or not she always welcomed everyone to her home to her every one was family. I know she is with Jim and Tammy, and she is at peace. I hope to see you and the family this summer. God bless all of you.

Cathy Burns
Clearwater Florida

cathy burns - April 26, 2011 at 12:40 PM

DE

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss.
Deanna (Sink) Erickson

Deanna (Sink) Erickson - April 26, 2011 at 12:12 PM



Thnx Deanna.. good to hear from you! find me on facebook (ted saffell)

Ted Saffell - May 15, 2011 at 01:51 PM