



Mrs. Betty Josephine Baker

August 22, 1944 - November 19, 2022

Betty Josephine Baker

Betty was born in Beelick Knob, West Virginia on August 22, 1944 into a large family with 14 children. Her father, Joseph Baker, was a coal miner and her mother, Gertrude Baker, was as you may presume a very busy home maker. Betty grew up on a farm outside of Meadow Bridge, WV and later, on the top of Butler's Mountain near Frankford, WV. In 1963 she moved to Cocoa, FL where she raised two children Charlene Baker McClelland and David Allen Baker. While raising her children, she went back to school and graduated from Brevard Community College with a degree in nursing in 1980. She became a labor and delivery nurse at Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital in Rockledge, FL. There she assisted in the delivery, and at times delivered them herself, of thousands of babies over her 28-year career there. After retiring from nursing, Betty worked for several years at David's law firm as the firm's bookkeeper. In addition to having a successful career in nursing, Betty enjoyed making ceramics and other crafts which she often sold at craft shows or gave away to friends and family. She also loved to travel and experience new places and cultures during her free time. She traveled to most of the states in the USA including Washington, Washington, D.C., Alaska, and many others. She also did quite a bit of foreign travel including to the Bahamas, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ireland, Greece, and a dozen other countries in Europe. Betty was a loving mother to her children, grandchildren, and great

grandchildren. She prized her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and always wanted to spend more time with them whenever she could.

Betty is survived by her children: Charlene McClelland and her husband Jim and David Baker and his wife Becky. Her grandchildren: Jason Baker and his wife Lydia, Victoria Baker, Evette Otero-Reyes and her husband Hector, Danielle Matson, Amanda Sauter and her husband Mark, Dustin Baker, and her 12 great grandchildren. Her surviving siblings are: Alfred Baker, Shirley Culp, Walter Baker, Hazel Crawford, Bob Baker, Pat Meddings.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty Josephine Baker*

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