



## Betty Kepley Ford

September 12, 1929 - May 16, 2018

Betty Kepley Ford stepped into eternity to be with the Lord, May 16, 2018.

Betty was born September 12, 1929 in Lexington, NC to James Henderson and Mollie Louia Kepley. She was married to James R. Ford, Jr. of Appomattox, VA, who predeceased her.

Survivors include four children, Susan Wilkerson (Jimmy), Ringgold, VA, Tom Ford (Evelyn), Appomattox, VA, Sherry Owens (Steve), Lexington, NC and John Ford (Carol), Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Laura Kepley Williams and Sarah Lynch of Lexington, NC; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren, with a sixth on the way.

Betty was an accountant with her last job being the County Registrar for Appomattox County. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Appomattox chapter where she served a term as worthy matron. She loved cooking for family and friends and farming with her husband, James. She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox. She was a resident of Roman Eagle Nursing home from April 2016 until her death.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel conducted by the Rev. Duane Caldwell.

There will be a Celebration of Life reception at St. Anne's Episcopal Church,  
415 Oakleigh Avenue  
Appomattox, VA 24522 at 1:00 on Monday, May 21, 2018.

Visitors are welcome at the home of Susan, 1064 Barker Rd., Ringgold or Tom  
Ford, 2834 Purdum Mill Rd., Appomattox, VA.

The family would like to thank the staff of Roman Eagle for her excellent care,  
especially her devoted CNA, Patti Griggs.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity, go to a nursing home,  
and brighten the day of some of the many seniors who have no one.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Ford family.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ When my dad Al Eastman was the pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, he sang in a quintet with Betty, Horace Folks, Dick Martin and Ben Harvey He came home laughing one night after rehearsal as Betty had told him with living in a trailer, when she had hot flashes, she could put her head out of one window and her feet out of another. Loved her humor! 😊😊

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**Brenda Eastman Barber** - May 20, 2018 at 03:48 PM

ME

“ To the family of Betty Ford my sincere condolences. Betty was a wonderful woman. When I was in high school I worked on James' farm and I so clearly remember the great lunches Betty used to make. I can still taste them. Great, great memories of such a wonderful person.

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**Mark Eggleston** - May 20, 2018 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss of Betty. She was a special lady. I have many fond memories of Betty and James. Hugs for the family.

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**Jamie Carson** - May 20, 2018 at 01:30 PM

HU

“ Miss you granny! We love you and say hey to pa pa for us!

*Love, Hunter Ford*

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**Hunter** - May 20, 2018 at 01:14 PM

CR

“ 2 files added to the album Betty & Laura



Carolyn Robbins - May 20, 2018 at 07:09 AM

WB

“ We are very sorry about the passing and going home of your mother. We did not her very well but from what we hear and read she was a beautiful and well spoken of lady. Our prayers are with you all.

Wesley and Violet Barker - May 19, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



May 19, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



May 19, 2018 at 08:52 AM

DA

“ Dale lit a candle in memory of Betty Kepley Ford



Dale - May 19, 2018 at 07:48 AM



Betty was a special lady. Sending prayers of sympathy Steve & Dale Weakley

Dale Weakley - May 19, 2018 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ Carlton & Tina Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



Carlton & Tina Williams - May 19, 2018 at 12:54 AM

KF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Betty was a special person. She will be missed. God bless each of you. With Sympathy, Kitty Farris



Kitty Farris - May 18, 2018 at 11:37 PM

MS

“ So very sorry to hear of Betty's passing, I have many fond memories of Batty during the time we worked together. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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**Marlene Simpson** - May 18, 2018 at 07:46 PM

RH

“ Sorry to here of Betty passing had a lot of memories went to work for james and betty when i was 15 years old at locust grove we had some good time's together

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**Roy Hopkins** - May 18, 2018 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ Growing up my aunts were my surrogate mothers and role models. These ladies were strong women. Aunt Betty was the most vocal though. I used to say she was Maude, the Bea Arthur character from back in the day. Aunt Betty was opinionated and she could take over a situation like no one else!

Years ago dementia started to creep into her life. Aunt Betty would call me ever so often. My phone number was by her phone. She would talk and talk, repeating her stories several times during the conversation. I always acted like it ws my first time hearing it. If I was in my car, I'd pull into a parking lot and just listen, laugh and talk until she was done.

It was my Aunt Betty's courage and critical thinking that lead to my rescue from a very bad situation when I was just a toddler. It wasn't until I was a middle aged woman did I become aware of her role in it all. She is and was my hero!

Aunt Betty is in Glory now laughing loudly recognizing all her loved ones that went before her. Her mind has been restored and a new journey is before her.

I am a product of all my parts and some are peppered with the presence of Betty Kepley Ford! I will always be grateful for the colors she added to my tapestry!

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**Jamey Kepley Peterson** - May 18, 2018 at 05:01 PM

NT

“ I've known Betty pretty much all my life. James and my mom were first cousins. I know she will be missed but I also know she has gone to a better place. Prayers going out for the family.  
Neville T Turner

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**Neville T Turner** - May 18, 2018 at 04:11 PM

SC

“ So sorry Susan. Betty was a beautiful woman. I remember when she would come to NC to see aunt Molly. Everyone would be do excited she was here.

Sylvia Crotts - May 18, 2018 at 03:46 PM

DG

“ I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I KNOW SHE WILL BE MISSED. BOTH YOU AND JIMMY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU DONNA GEE



DONNA GEE - May 18, 2018 at 03:35 PM

CR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was such a sweet and dear lady. Gene and I always enjoyed being in the company of Betty and James. We had some good times together. My prayers are with the family for peace and comfort.

Carolyn Richardson, Pamplin, VA

Carolyn Richardson - May 18, 2018 at 02:40 PM

JS

“ Jim and Susan Kepley (Kenneth Kepley's son) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



Jim and Susan Kepley (Kenneth Kepley's son) - May 18, 2018 at 12:02 PM

KK

“ Ken & Debbie Kepley & family and Alan & Mary Kepley purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



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**Ken & Debbie Kepley & family and Alan & Mary Kepley** - May 18, 2018 at 11:51 AM

KK

“ Betty Jean was my Aunt and I have a lot of fond memories of her growing up as I do with Susan. She was a gracious Lady. May all the sweet memories of those who knew Aunt Betty bring you solace and all the great moments you had with her bring you comfort. We will keep the family in our prayers.

*Ken & Debbie Kepley*

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**Ken Kepley** - May 18, 2018 at 10:51 AM

LB

“ Laura, Carolyn & Bill purchased the *Basket of Joy* for the family of Betty Kepley Ford.



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**Laura, Carolyn & Bill** - May 18, 2018 at 07:11 AM