



## Betty Lou Center Darby

January 13, 1933 - January 19, 2025

Betty Lou Center Darby, 91, of Travelers Rest, wife of the late James Melvin Darby, passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital Downtown.

Born in Travelers Rest, SC, she was a daughter of the late Bruce Doster and Ollie Burdette Center. Betty was a loving and caring wife to her husband Melvin for 60 years before he passed. She was a homemaker and second mother to her grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as Mama. She played an active role in all of their lives. She left her family with a legacy of love, selflessness, faithfulness and her servant's heart. All of the memories she provided for each of them will be cherished forever. Betty was a member of Clearview Baptist Church and a former member of Calvary First Baptist Church. She was a faithful servant to Clearview Baptist Church where she was a member of the Mission Minded Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her two daughters: Phyllis Pressley and husband Doug and Arlene Howle and husband Mike; five grandchildren, Felicia Barrett (Ken), Magan Boggs (Trevor), Josh Howard (Heather), Jarrett Bishop (Diamond) and Chad Pressley (Gina) and 16 great grandchildren, Braedan, Jake, & Pressley Barrett, Tanner & Molly Boggs, Lucy Chastain & Lily Thurman, Jada & Lola Howard, Blaine Walker, Brettley, Bryson, Blakelan, Branton, Bode James, & Briggston Pressley. In addition, she is survived by two special sisters-in-law

who were also her best friends, Mary Darby and Earleen Center.

In addition to her husband and parents she was predeceased by five brothers and sisters, Junior Center, Bobbie Morgan, Fred Center, Pat Hudson and Doug Center.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 25, at 12:30 p.m. at Clearview Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The family will be at the home.

Memorials may be made to Clearview Baptist Church WMU, 5611 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-3184

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Clearview Baptist Church  
5611 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Church Service

JAN 25. 12:30 PM (ET)

Clearview Baptist Church  
5611 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Lou Center Darby*



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**The Howze Mortuary** - January 22, 2025 at 03:43 PM

PH

“ *Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Darby*



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**Pat Hawkins** - March 15 at 12:30 AM

RH

“ *I have great memories of Betty during my years at Clearview. I remember her being steadfast and dependable in helping with ANY activity at the church (Vacation Bible School, church socials, and any "occasion" that required planning and hard work)! She had such a kind and giving spirit, never boastful or proud. I'm thinking of you all during time of grief, and sending love to all...*  
*Rhonda Hipp*

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**RHONDA HIPPI** - January 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a woman of GOD. She set a good example for her family on how to live for our Lord and Savior. She helped me when I was having problems. She helped me in staying in church and prayed for me She is home now with Melvin and with our Lord  
Marie Cross McDowell

Marie Cross MvDowell - January 22, 2025 at 11:07 AM

MG

“ I remember Mrs. Darby from years back. She was always so sweet to everyone. And I remember Phyllis and Arlene from Travelers Rest high school . I am so sorry. I will be praying for the family. What a great legacy she has left .

Marjorie Abercrombie Davis ( Gigi) - January 21, 2025 at 11:49 PM

RD

“ Rene and Troy Davis lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Darby



Rene and Troy Davis - January 21, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JS

“ Phyllis, Arlene, and family,  
One of the finest and sweetest Christians that I have ever had the privilege to know. She was always the same no matter how she felt. I have known her for many, many years and am so blessed to have had her cross my path. You girls were so good to her. Praying for all of you. I love you.  
Jean Smith

Jean Smith - January 21, 2025 at 09:09 AM

CH

“ Country Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Betty Lou Darby



Country Hawkins - January 20, 2025 at 09:26 PM

SP

“ Betty Lou was always so sweet and a joy to see at the Bridge’s Family Reunion. Mom and Dad would visit with she and Melvin when near their home or at the lake. May the family relish the memory of her kindness and love. I know that she will be missed. Condolences from Chris and Sharon. You are in our thoughts.

Sharon Parnell - January 20, 2025 at 08:52 PM

LR

“ Louise Chastain and Sheila Rainwater purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Lou Center Darby.



Louise Chastain and Sheila Rainwater - January 20, 2025 at 08:28 PM

ME

“ First of all, I’m so sorry, Arlene and family. My prayers and hugs with y’all. Betty was a beautiful awesome sweet person that I had the blessing of knowing. God sure did get a good one .

Millie Eskew - January 20, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LP

“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. Will Keep the family in our prayers.



Larry& Joretta Pena - January 20, 2025 at 06:46 PM

PB

“ Prayers and Love to Family and Friends ....Im so sorry!!



Peachie Moody Buzbee - January 20, 2025 at 05:38 PM

SY

Phyllis and Arlene I'm so sad to hear about your mom. Prayers for your family. I loved Betty. "Dibble"

sylviagosnell@bellsouth.net - January 24, 2025 at 08:54 PM