



Betty Franks Harper

December 31, 1933 - July 26, 2014

Betty Jean Franks Harper, age 80, died Saturday, July 26, 2014, at her North Street home following a short bout with cancer. Her family was at her side. She was born in the same house on December 31, 1933, the only child of the late Ferman and Lena (Robinson) Franks.

She attended Newport Grammar School and graduated from Cocke County High School in 1951. She later attended the University of Tennessee.

She was employed by the Tennessee Department of Labor Work Force, "the Employment Office," for 37 years, and during that time developed a strong and loving relationship with her many clients.

Following her retirement from state employment, she continued working part-time in other jobs for a number of years.

She also served as a member of the Newport Planning Commission and the Newport Housing Authority's board of directors.

She was also a member of First United Methodist Church and of the Twentieth Century Club.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and as a woman who loved her large, extended family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles "Tootie" Harper, beloved grandmother Jessie Lee Robinson and grandfather James E. Robinson, her maternal grandparents James H. and Sallie Franks, special aunt and uncle Earl and Nannie B. (Robinson) Huff, and cousin Patsy Huff Radke.

She is survived by two daughters: Patti Harper Briggs and husband Blake and Charlena Harper Robinson and husband David, all of Newport; grandchildren Lena Miranda Robinson, Adam Harper Briggs, Sidney Leigh Harper Kuykendall, and Zachary Arthur Briggs; great-grandchildren Braxton and Bella Robinson; and several special cousins: Jim and Karen Huff and Jimmy and Julie Huff, all of Atlanta; Jimmy Franks of Gulf Shores, Mississippi; Tommyedene Jones of Del Rio; and Peggy Jones and Charles Jones, both of Newport; and many very special friends.

The family extends a special note of gratitude to Amedysis Home Health & Hospice and to Debbie and Chelsea Wylie, Lori Black, and Abby Balch for the loving care they provided.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Manes Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2014, in Union Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. James Bennington officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 212 Washington Ave., Newport, TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Franks Harper*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *My Aunt Betty was funny and kind and I loved her with all my heart. She will be "saving me a seat".....if I'm allowed. She is now resting in peace,but I will miss her until I can hug her again.*

Pam Neas - August 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Louise & Jimmy Hux - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty Franks Harper*

janice seay - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Melissia Ball - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Peggy W. Lane - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Greg Cates - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *To Lena, I am sorry to hear of your Grnadmother's passing. She was a beautiful woman and you look alot like her. May she rest in peace. I think of you often. Come see us!*

Rhonda Duncan - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I just found out about Betty's death. I am so, so sad. I loved Betty so much as a child and she was a great influence on my life. I would have come to the had I known earlier. Please know I will keep you all in my prayers. Much love, Judy*

Judy Fowler-Argo - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Robert & Martha Pack - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *With deepest sympathy, Janella & Jan Carpenter*

Jan Carpenter - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Patti & family, Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.*

Denise & Dwight Marra - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Sorry to learn of Betty's passing. She will be missed by those that had the pleasure of knowing her. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda Kay and Kim Gregg - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Betty Franks Harper

Kenneth & Ernestine Presnell - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our prayers are with you. Sharon and Donny Lindsey

Sharon Lindsey - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Betty Franks Harper

Rochell Lewis - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry for the loss you all have suffered. What a special lady that has always been good to me. My prayer is for peace for you.

Jeff Fancher - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Betty Franks Harper

Wiley & Betty Morgan - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Betty Franks Harper

Robert & Martha Pack - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Debbie Murr - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Patty so sorry to hear about your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Jeff Kyker - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ *Patty, Mother and I are sorry for your loss. Mildred & Ila Ruth*

Ila Ruth Edmonds - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *Patty and Charlena: Betty was one of a kind! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your mother. Duay and Kay O'Neil*

Kay Keener O'Neil - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Patty, Charlena, and families, So sorry for the loss of your Mother. Will keep you in thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Linda*

Linda & Bud Dawson - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

A.C. & Stacy Willis - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Vickie and Rusty Costner - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Patty & Family.. So very sorry. Prayers at this most difficult days ahead.*

Marilyn Shelton-Jones - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *There is another side of grief, where the tears still flow...not as often. Where memories bring smiles...not sadness. Where blessings are recognized...not just struggles. Where joy and peace are present...not just sorrow. Where Betty will be remembere*

Joey & Diana McGaha - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Betty was a sweet and wonderful lady who could always made me laugh & smile. Keeping all of you in thoughts and prayers.*

Parker & Nanette Wilds - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Gerald, Dale and Nancy Raines - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Marilyn Shelton-Jones - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying Gods blessings on the family during this difficult time.*

Tommy Costner - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Charles and Lana williamson - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Fred & Peggy Giles - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Sorry for the loss of Betty. She was a fine lady and will be missed by all who knew her.*

Steve and Loretta Taylor - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sorry for your loss. In my prayers.*

melita "hayes" faulkner - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Betty Franks Harper*

Jackie & Colleen Styles - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *My prayers lifted up.*

Ray Fancher - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family. I remember Betty and Tootie, well. I still remember the smells at his store. I will miss Betty much. Gods Grace!*

Vickie Taylor Faught - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sorry for your loss. In my prayers.*

melita "hayes" faulkner - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM