



## Betty M. Walker

May 28, 1930 - April 26, 2024

Betty M. Walker, age 93, passed away peacefully April 25 at her home, surrounded by her family and friends. Betty graduated from Glenmora High School in Louisiana at the top of her class. She graduated Northwestern State University in 1952 in Natchitoches, LA with a degree in Home Economics. She was awarded a scholarship at the University of Tennessee to continue her studies. In Knoxville, she met the love of her life, James Ward Walker, whom she later married. She earned her Master's Degree in Child Development and Family Relations.

Betty taught at Sulfur High School in Calcasieu Parish, LA. Later, she worked as a professor at McNeese State University and was Director over the preschool and kindergarten programs. Throughout her career, she was involved in LACUS (Louisiana Association of Children under Six) and served as President in 1971. She had an impact and made a difference in the lives of many children, students and parents throughout her successful career.

Upon retiring, Betty and Ward moved to Wolf Creek, TN, Ward's beloved childhood home. Betty's love of history started her involvement in the Culture and Preservation Society of Del Rio serving as President and overseeing the construction of a new facility. She also served on the Cocke County Museum Board of Directors sharing the history of Wolf Creek.

Betty's love of the beautiful grounds of Wolf Creek motivated her involvement in the East Tennessee Daylily Society. The very first time, she entered the East Tennessee Regional Daylily Society Annual Show, she won first place

out of 200 entries! She commented, "It takes guts to enter the competition with so many wonderful entries and truly an honor to get a blue ribbon." She was also a member of the Western NC Daylily Society. She also was a member of the American Boxwood Society and took many annual trips with the family learning about boxwood across the country.

Preceded in death by her husband, James Ward Walker; son, Patrick Allen Walker; parents, Hartford and Lorilla Maricle; brothers Hartford, Marvis, Carvis Maricle and sister, Reba Johnson, brother-in-law Cowan Walker, nephew: Bobby Lynn Maricle. Survived by her sons: Jim (Julie) Walker, Albert Walker; daughter Beth (Sammy) Sams; grandson Alex (Katie) Sams, granddaughters, Andrea (Samuel) Davis, Madeline (Ben) Savage; great grandson Hutch, great granddaughters Scarlett and Phoebe; sister: JoAnn Johnson, sister-in-law, Angie Walker, nieces: Ilene Casebolt, Paula Sue Sparacello, Gigi (Robert) Clayton, nephews: Johnny(Mary) Johnson, Jack(Pat) Johnson, Ronnie (Debbie) Johnson, David(Micky) Johnson, Carvis Alton Maricle, Mike Maricle, David (Sheri) Walker.

Special friends that lovingly cared for Bay include: John Behr, Rita Messer, Mike and Darlene Bodnar, Kim Roberts, Pat Hurley, Regina Chandler and Denise.

The family will receive friends from 12noon-1pm on Wed., May 1st at Manes Funeral Home, 363 East Main St., Newport, TN 37821. There will be a service at 1pm with Pastor Rich Lloyd officiating.

Burial will follow in Wolf Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Roane County Children's Fund (3096 Roane State Hwy., Harriman, TN 37748; Attention-Craig Freeman).

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at:[www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Funeral service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty M. Walker*



**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 30, 2024 at 10:03 AM

DB

*We are so honored to have been Betty Walker's friend for many years. Her love and legacy live on in her precious family, friends, faith shared, love spread, and kindnesses extended to all she knew and loved. I learned so much from Betty on each special visit spending our time together cooking, shopping, walking, eating, sharing countless stories, attending church and community events together, singing, delving into history, hope and laughing heartily at life's treasures and trials. Mike and I will forever treasure our time together, knowing her and her family, and we are joyful knowing that one day we will be with Betty again in Heaven. Betty was especially happy when people came to visit, see her beautiful gardens and many dogs and cats and enjoy a meal and more with her. The world needs more love like Betty shared with everyone through her cares and prayers. Thank you Lord, for Betty's precious life and love that lives on in her wonderful family, her community of friends, and her great life and legacy she leaves the world. Betty's joy is truly complete in the presence of her Savior Jesus. May joy filled memories be happy hugs from Heaven for Betty's family and friends. We love you Betty!*

**Darlene and Mike Bodnar** - April 30, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LM

“ *Leslie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty M. Walker.*

**Leslie M.** - May 01, 2024 at 03:44 PM

RZ

“ Dear Albert, Beth, and Family,  
What a blessing to have known Betty in the Newport Garden Club!  
As a young member I looked up to her as such a wealth of garden know-how. One of my first meetings to attend I was humorously surprised to see her at the back hiding a little portable radio so that she could listen to the Lady Vols basketball game!  
Betty’s hospitality was a wonderful gift to the garden club. I cherish the memories of visits to Wolf Creek, the plants shared, and Betty’s wit and wisdom.  
With love and prayers!

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**Ruth Zellers** - May 01, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LB

“ Love Scott and Regina Barnett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty M. Walker.

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**Love Scott and Regina Barnett** - May 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM

LB

“ Love Scott and Regina Barnett purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty M. Walker.



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**Love Scott and Regina Barnett** - May 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 30, 2024 at 09:54 AM

DO

“ *Albert, Beth, and All:*  
*My sincere condolences to you in the loss of Betty. I always enjoyed my visits to your Wolf Creek home and seeing her many beautiful flowers. She reveled in her roll as hostess.*

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**Duay O'Neil** - April 29, 2024 at 03:22 PM

KC

“ *I have thought of Betty often wuth such loving memories. She had the softest voice when she spoke and and always loved her flowers and her dogs. i believe that that time were German Shepards. When we had the building supply store in town she and her her husband cane in quite frequently especially Betty., she was so proud of her home and her heritage of Wolf Creek .I know you will greatly miss her. She was a beautiful and regal individual ,always so kind to everyone, I could talk to her for hours.*

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**Karen Correll** - April 28, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DB

“ I had the pleasure of being one of her caregivers for nearly 2 years, she was a very kind, loving Christian woman and I feel honored that I got to help take care of her. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. She raised some wonderful loving children that I also had the pleasure of getting to know. She is rejoicing with Jesus right now and and what a special day it had to have been to be greeted by Jesus at the gates of heaven. Hallelujah

Denise Brown - April 28, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DL

“ Beth I'm so sorry to see this. What a life your Mom lived! She had the most beautiful flowers and enjoyed them all. Prayers for your family my sweet friend.

Donna Lamb - April 28, 2024 at 01:22 PM

ST

“ Albert, so sorry to hear about your beautiful mother, she was always so kind. She will be forever be remembered

stacy - April 28, 2024 at 01:18 PM

GW

“ Betty was a beautiful soul and will be missed by many. My sincere condolences.



Glenda Willis - April 28, 2024 at 08:27 AM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for all 🙏🙏🙏

Mary Lynne Seay Power - April 28, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty M. Walker.*



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April 27, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Jackie Picard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty M. Walker.*

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**Jackie Picard** - April 27, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family.*  
*Rob and Lisa Myers*

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**Rob and Lisa Myers** - April 27, 2024 at 11:54 AM