



## Judy Bates Butler

April 25, 1947 - August 12, 2025

Judy Bates Butler, age 78, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2025. She was born on April 25, 1947, in Newport, TN, to LeRoy and Virginia Bates. Judy professed her faith in Jesus Christ and most recently felt most at home attending East Rogersville Baptist Church where her son serves as pastor. Judy retired from the Cocke County Board of Education, where she served faithfully as a trusted bookkeeper. Her coworkers throughout the county became like an extended family. Beyond her professional life, she found great joy in playing the piano, listening to hymns, and singing along with the Gaithers. She cherished spending time with friends—whether sharing lunch locally or traveling to favorite vacation spots. One of her fondest memories was a special “Girl’s Trip” with Peggy Giles and Sandra Hux, lovingly arranged by her niece, Pam Hux Davis. Lifelong friendships, such as her bond with travel companion Betty McMillan, enriched her life and became part of the family’s story—holidays always included “our Betty.” Judy shared a special bond with her sister, Marian. Though the second-born, she quickly assumed “first-born” responsibilities, doing her best to keep Marian on track and on time—a goal she whole-heartedly pursued, yet met with impressive resistance. A devoted mother and “Nanny,” Judy spent countless hours cheering on her children and grandchildren at basketball, football, and soccer games. In recent years, she delighted in watching Elijah and Johnna Beth perform in ballet productions. Her family knew her as a source of unconditional love, steady encouragement, and sweet words—she never spoke ill of anyone and was a

safe place.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Arthur & Ruth Cureton, parents; LeRoy Bates and Virginia Cureton Thomas; and son, Tony Lee Butler. She is survived by her daughter, Stacy Butler (Jan); her son, John (Jennifer) Butler; Jan Brooks, the family's beloved 'Brooksi'; her sisters, Marian Anderson and Janice Cody; her brother, Chip (Barbara) Thomas; her beloved grandchildren, Jacob, Elijah, Josiah, and Johnna Beth Butler; and countless cherished nieces and nephews. Judy now rests in the arms of her Savior. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 16, from 10-12:00 followed by a memorial service at Manes Funeral Home officiated by her son, Pastor John Butler. Entombment services will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Dandridge, TN. The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to Smoky Mountain Health, Serenity House, and the many friends who faithfully loved and cared for Judy.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Serenity House, Friends of Hospice in Morristown, TN.

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

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Entombment

AUG **16** (ET)

Resthaven Memorial Mausoleum  
2642 US 25 W  
Dandridge, TN 37725

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Judy. I will be keeping yall in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lisa Giles** - August 16, 2025 at 09:41 PM

AD

“ My Heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers

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**Adell Davis** - August 16, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Judy. We worked together in the school system and she was always so pleasant and helpful to everyone. My condolences to all the family and to her many friends.

*Sandy Webb*

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**Sandra Kaye Webb** - August 15, 2025 at 11:34 PM

MJ

“ Mike and Tracy Jarnagin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Judy Bates Butler.



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**Mike and Tracy Jarnagin** - August 15, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Bates Butler.*



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August 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers, hugs, and love.*



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**Debbie Collins** - August 15, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Bates Butler.*



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August 14, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *We were so sorry to learn of Judy's death. We will keep her family and her many friends in our prayers.*  
*Rob and Lisa Myers*



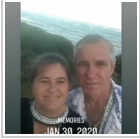
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**Rob and Lisa Myers** - August 14, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DO

“ Our very deepest condolences to all in the death of Judy. She was always a tremendous help to me in our work together in the school system.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - August 14, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Judy, she was always so nice and sweet every time I saw her! Michelle Dalton

Michelle Dalton - August 14, 2025 at 01:06 PM

RH

“ Goodbye my classmate of the 1965 class. Our reunions just wont be the same without you .My sincere condolences to the family. We will meet again.

RICHARD HOLT - August 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Jeff Kyker lit a candle in memory of Judy Butler



Jeff Kyker - August 14, 2025 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this difficult time.

*"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted...." Matt 5:4*

*With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,*

*Jabo & Tammy Francis*

*Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice*

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**Tammy Francis** - August 14, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JL

“ Sorry to here this. Judy you have always been such a precious lady. Yes, always so sweet to everyone. Enjoyed working with you when I worked for the school system. I know you are diffently walking the streets of gold now. Always my friend.

*Joy Large*



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**Joy Large** - August 14, 2025 at 10:21 AM

VT

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Judy's passing, but happy for her heavenly home now. She was always so sweet, and always a kind word and that smile that lit up the room. Keeping your family in my prayers.

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**Vicky Wilson Turner** - August 14, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CS

“ Patti and I worked with Judy in the School System. She was a hard worker and loyal employee. She will be missed by many people. Stacy and John, Patti and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!! Charlie & Patti Seehorn

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**charlie seehorn** - August 14, 2025 at 05:32 AM

CC

“ *Judy was such a wonderful woman. God has definitely gained an Angel today. My condolences to the family. She will definitely be missed.*

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**Christina Clevenger** - August 13, 2025 at 10:51 PM

LD

“ My dear, beautiful friend, I can't believe you are gone, and I didn't get to say goodbye. I hope you knew I loved you so much, and I hurt for the suffering you went through. You sure had lots of prayers going up for you. .I'm sure God thought you had suffered enough, and now He has you in His loving arms, where you will never feel any suffering anymore. We are the ones suffering now that you are not with us. But, we know your love will always be with us. God loves you so much and He loves us too, and when it's His timing, we'll see each other again. Thank you for your love and friendship all these years. We even talked back then about when this day would come. We will never, ever forget you, or stop loving you. You & Carroll will be with your Heavenly Father, and you all are in a much better place than us.



We now send sincere condolences to your sweet family that you loved so much. I 'll never forget how excited you were when that little granddaughter was born. Even though you loved the grandsons so much, you showed me a picture of her, and you were tickled that Johnny finally had a little girl. Our prayers go out to Johnny & family, Stacy, Marian & Family, Chip and Barbara Thomas and all loved ones .

*Matthew 5:4*

*I Love you,  
See you before long!  
Love, Linda*

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**Linda & Bud Dawson** - August 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM

CB

“ Our prayers & thoughts are with everyone at this time of loss. Judy was a beautiful lady & will be missed by many

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**Connie & Marsha Ball** - August 13, 2025 at 09:28 PM

SK

“ Prayers and love to all the family, Shirl



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**Shirley Kay** - August 13, 2025 at 08:58 PM

TC

“ John and family,  
Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Sending love and prayers!  
Terry Batten Cook

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**terry b cook** - August 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

MS

“ I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to visit with her a couple of weeks ago with Betty McMillian. She was smiling and in good spirits. Judy will be missed.

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**Melanie Strickler** - August 13, 2025 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ John, I am so sorry to hear the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Sandra (Sandy Samples) Steward

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**Sandra Steward** - August 13, 2025 at 07:34 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - August 13, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Judy. She was so sweet to everyone and smiling at everyone. Prayers for her family and friends. I loved her very much. Jewelene parks-Travis.

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**Jewjew** - August 13, 2025 at 06:49 PM

KI

“ My condolences to the family

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**Karen Greene Isaacs** - August 13, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CV

“ To the family: I am very sorry for your loss. I always thought she was a pretty lady. God bless you.

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**Cindy Valentine** - August 13, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BG

“ Betty Goins lit a candle in memory of Judy Butler



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**Betty Goins** - August 13, 2025 at 06:06 PM

WL

“ *To Pastor John and the family:  
We are so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I can tell that she lived the Christian life to the fullest. Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.  
In Christ's Love  
Wade and Nathaniel Littleton*

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**Wade Littleton** - August 13, 2025 at 06:05 PM

KM

“ *It is with sadness and deep sorrow that I have just learned of Judy's passing. My two close friends, Judy and Carroll Floyd Breeden, have passed in such close times. Both were close to my heart and like family. Now I only have Marian left, which is the one person that brings great joy to our lasting relationship. My heart and prayers go out to the family and Judy's friends, and may God's grace carry Judy's soul.*

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**Kenneth Maloy** - August 13, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss. Judy was a beautiful and special lady! Her love and kindness will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.*

*Prayers for the family and friends..now and in the days to come.  
May God bless each of you.*

*Jay Harold & Mary Ann Chrisman*

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**Mary Ann Chrisman** - August 13, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JF

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our love, thoughts, and prayers go out to the family. Love, Julie Murray Forgety, Will and Brittani, Kaira and Ender



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**Julia Forgety** - August 13, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Bates Butler.



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August 13, 2025 at 02:59 PM