



Bettie J. Brunton

September 17, 1935 - March 27, 2021

BRUNTON, Bettie Jean, 85, of Waynesville, OH passed away Saturday March 27, 2021. She was born in Coxtton, KY on September 17, 1935 to Clelly and Clydia (Emery) Croley. The family moved to a farm in Piketon County, OH around 1943, where Bettie enjoyed growing up in a large family of ten children.

After graduating from Stockdale High School in 1953, Bettie took a job as a Proofreader for McCall Corp in Dayton, OH. One morning, while awaiting the bus to work, a car pulled to the curb in front of her. She recognized the young man behind the wheel as a classmate from Stockdale, Grover Brunton. He explained that he had recently moved to the area as well and was surprised to see a familiar face as he was passing by the bus stop that morning. He offered her a ride to work. They were married on June 2, 1956 and were truly devoted to one another for the remainder of their lives.

Bettie and Grover welcomed three daughters into their family. She was a loving, supportive Mom who liked to dance, sing, and tell stories. Her love of travel insured that summers were filled with many adventures and experiences to remember. The family spent countless hours together exploring beaches, mountains, and caves. Bettie loved unconditionally, but also taught her girls to be self-reliant; she was a practical optimist. Interviewed once for a school assignment, she responded to a question, regarding what her experiences had taught her, as follows; "I've learned that there is usually some good and some bad in almost every situation and that to be happy you must learn to make the most of the good, improve what you can of the bad, and either ignore the rest or accept it and go on."

Bettie was a first generation "super mom", as she strove to balance raising a family, working outside the home, and pursuing personal interests. At various times, she worked as a Proofreader, an Administrative Assistant, and a Purchasing Associate. Her proudest career achievement however was when she helped to establish the Ferry Christian Church Day Care Center, which she then directed for six years. This work perfectly combined her love of teaching children, her deep faith, and her outstanding organizational

skills. Her work with the day care center was noted in the churches' sesquicentennial program as an important part of their outreach program.

Bettie took evening courses in business, administration, and preschool teaching. She was active in Eastern Star, serving in various roles for her local chapter, and was elected Deputy Grand Matron in 1984. She was also one of the co-inventors of the famous Sauerkraut Pizza sold each year during the annual Waynesville Sauerkraut Festival to raise funds for Eastern Star and Masonic charities. Her primary role following official retirement in 1987 was providing full-time support to the churches where Grover served as minister. She enjoyed worshipping with the congregations, teaching Sunday school, organizing Christmas programs, and much, much more.

Once blessed with grandchildren, Bettie cherished the time they shared together and could often be found dancing with them to the Footloose soundtrack or helping them create books, paintings, clay figures, or any other number of creative crafts that she delighted in inventing for them.

In the moments when she wasn't working, studying, or actively caring for others, Bettie enjoyed tending to her garden. If it was warm and the sun was out, that's where you would find her. She earned the nick-name "lady bug" the honest way and we already miss seeing her out there amongst the flowers.

Bettie is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, her parents, her brothers Eugene, Burton, Charles, and William Croley and her sisters Doris Scarberry and Eunice Webb. She is survived by her daughters Kim (Randy) Spratt, Karyn Brunton, and Kristi MacLaren, grandson Daniel Spratt, granddaughter Caitlin Spratt, sisters Janice (Roger) Jackson, Carol (Dave) Anderson, and Paula Tackett, as well as many beloved nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held 12 PM Monday, April 5 at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery, Corwin. Mike Tuttle will be officiating the services. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

During this difficult time, if you are feeling ill or unhealthy in any way, you are encouraged to pay your respects in alternative methods, such as sending a sympathy card or sharing a memory through our online tribute wall. In addition, the services will be streamed live. The web stream will be available by clicking the link below Bettie's obituary on your mobile device at <http://www.stubbsconner.com> or by accessing it from tribute wall tab of Bettie's p

age via computer or tablet. Condolences at <http://www.stubbsconner.com>.

Cemetery

Miami Cemetery

6379 Corwin Ave
Waynesville, OH, 45068

Events

APR 5 **The Family Will Receive Friends** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Stubbs - Conner Funeral Home
185 North Main Street, Waynesville, OH, US, 45068

APR 5 **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home - April 03, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ Have known Bettie and Grover for many years worked with her at her Day Care and other Church functions, many fond memories, Prayers for her family, she was a Lovely Lady and will be missed, Marilyn Combs.

marilyn k Combs Combs - March 31, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ In a world full of darkness there are lights. Bettie was one of those lights. In our hearts we can still see that Croley smile and remember our own missions to light up the darkness.

With love,
Marge Croley
Steve and Gail Croley and family
Jeff and Denise Croley and family

Denise Croley - April 05, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Brunton.



April 02, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ 161 files added to the album Memories of Mom



Kim - April 02, 2021 at 03:03 PM



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“ 9 files added to the album Memories of Mom



Kim - April 02, 2021 at 03:01 PM



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Kim - April 02, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ Nationwide Insurance purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Bettie J. Brunton.



Nationwide Insurance - April 02, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Brunton.



April 02, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Pete & Shanda Barela (Barstow, CA) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bettie J. Brunton.



Pete & Shanda Barela (Barstow, CA) - April 01, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Cheryl and Marty



Cheryl Spratt - March 31, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Brunton.



March 31, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ Kim and Family,
Please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. May you feel God's arms around you all at this time.
Jodi, Paul, Laura and Clara Brown

Jodi Brown - March 31, 2021 at 07:29 AM



“ So sad to read of Bettie's passing. I remember when she and Grover rented a property inherited by my mother when they lived in Lytle. My deepest sympathy to the family at this time

Neil Williams - March 30, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ Your Mother was such a lovely lady. My children loved her at Tuesday school over 40 years ago. No better person to work with children! We were friends at Ferry for years. Take comfort in all your special memories. Prayers to all of you. Robyn Hodge, Jenny Hodge, and Sandy Hodge Chaney.

Sandra Hodge Chaney - March 31, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Karyn & family,
My deepest sympathies to you all. May God's embrace and the love of family & friends bring you comfort during this time of sorrow. Keeping you in prayer Shanda Barela

Shanda Barela - April 01, 2021 at 08:28 AM