



Elizabeth Ann Thorn

April 17, 1926 - October 1, 2024

Elizabeth 'Betty' Ann Thorn, 98, of Scott Depot, WV gracefully passed away in her sleep at 10:23 p.m. on October 1, 2024, joining the Lord, her family, and her friends. She was born to Essie Marvin Thorn and Lillie Beckner Thorn on April 17, 1926, in Princeton, WV.

From an early age Betty challenged herself because at the age of 9 life itself challenged her with the tragic death of her mother, Lillie. After her mother's death, she went to live with her maternal aunt and uncle, John and Willie Bays Beckner where she learned to live a godly life and excelled academically while attending school. Betty was valedictorian of her 8th grade class and then graduated salutatorian of Princeton High School's Class of 1943. Upon graduation, Betty went to work as a private secretary at Celanese in Narrows, VA during World War II. She continued to work there for 20 years until she went to work as a secretary for the West Virginia State Police in Princeton until 1973.

It was in 1973 when she met Reverend and Mrs. J. Carl Rouintree who were dedicated prayer warriors and who anointed her a prayer warrior as well. Reverend Rouintree, along with other men of God, prayerfully witnessed that Betty should quit her job and move to Indiana. She believed the report, obeyed the revelation, and became well-known as a prayer warrior. Her ministry of prayer moved from Indiana to Scott Depot, WV in 1989 until the

day of her death.

How do we say goodbye to someone who has walked us through hard times, prayed us through all manner of distresses, led us as lambs to pray our own prayers, chalked our wheels so we could walk by faith and not by sight. And having done all to stand with our prayer shawls wrapped around us and bid our most dear mother Elizabeth God speed until on heaven's fair shore we meet safely at home. --Christy Rhoades

Betty was instrumental in teaching many others about the importance of intercession for the men and women of God as well as the great need of prayer for the Body of Christ. Her ministry included counseling with many individuals, such as a young women's group in the 1990's where she listened, prayed, and adapted scripture to the needs of the women and the challenges they encountered in their daily lives.

Betty was dearly loved while at the Scott Depot Christ Fellowship. Her prayers lifted the people to God's presence and undergirded the pastors. Her messages on prayer and her leadership in prayer services brought heaven near and opened God's blessing for the lives of many hurting or spiritually hungry people. The fruit of her prayers has reached around the world and into eternity for the glory of God. --Pastor Rod Taylor

Betty was always physically active, enjoyed traveling, and absolutely loved to sit down to a good meal, especially with those she cared about.

Her best friend since 1943, Barbara Morgan, will truly miss her. Others left to cherish her memory: her loving, caring, and giving companions for the last 30 years, Tim and Jeanne Taylor; her nephew A.H. 'Herb' McClaugherty of Princeton, WV; her grandnieces Alicia Hypes of Princeton, WV and Heather Cisco of High Point, NC; her great-nieces Elizabeth Hypes of Princeton, WV

and Lauren Cisco of High Point, NC; her great nephew Jakob Cisco of High Point, NC; and her great-great-niece Taryn Ross. Those who knew and loved her as Grandma Betty are James Bryan Taylor (Stephanie); Timothy Michael Isaiah Taylor (Melissa); and Peter Jonathan David Taylor (Katie); and their children who thought of Betty as Great-Grandma, Madison Elizabeth, Hannah Marie, Nathanael Lee, and Jon David. Also, Mary Sizemore, Betty's caregiver and nurse for the past 3 years.

In addition to her parents, her aunt and uncle, and many, many friends, Betty is preceded in death by her brother, Robert Essie Thorn (2005); her close friend Robert Morgan (2009), her sister-in-law Alice Porterfield Thorn (2020); and her niece Carol Thorn McClaugherty (2024).

Funeral Service for Betty will be 3:00 pm Saturday October 5, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, West Virginia.

Burial will be 12:00 pm Monday October 7, 2024 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton WV.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting her tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth Ann Thorn



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 06, 2024 at 06:32 PM

RA

“ Betty was one of my mother's closest friends, so I had the privilege of growing up with her in my life. She was a beautiful and lovely woman who I wanted to be like. Some of my fondest memories of Betty were when she would pray. I also enjoyed sitting with her and Barbara at church every week. Sometimes she would take care of me during the day and sometimes overnight. I looked forward to staying with her. I remember she would make me pimento cheese sandwiches on her pretty blue and white plate and always had Archway windmill cookies for dessert. I still buy the windmill cookies to this day because of her! I am so thankful to have had her in my life and will miss her very much. Looking forward to seeing her up in heaven! Praying for her dear friends and family during this difficult time.

Ruth Ann - October 05, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JT

Thank you Ruth Ann for these memories. Barbara and I enjoyed reading this and we laughed thinking about the pimientto cheese sandwiches and windmill cookies!☐

JEANNE W TAYLOR - October 18, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SC

“ We are so thankful that the Lord saw fit for our paths to cross years ago at Scott Depot Christ Fellowship. We had the honor and privilege of spending several birthdays with Brother Morgan, Barbara and Betty, before we moved to Florida in 2005. I am grateful that we were able to visit Betty and Barbara the last time we were in WV, a couple of years ago. We are thankful that Betty slipped away peacefully and is resting in the arms of Jesus. To God be the Glory! Great thing He has done and is doing! Monte and Sandy Chittum

Sandra Chittum - October 04, 2024 at 11:38 PM

JT

Beautiful Sandy! ☐

JEANNE W TAYLOR - October 18, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Thorn.



October 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM

CL

“ Our Secretary in State Police, a Great Lady! Chuck Little

charles little - October 04, 2024 at 11:36 AM

JT

She has told us a lot about working with the State Police. She loved her time there.

JEANNE W TAYLOR - October 18, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SH

“ For a long time Betty, Barbara Morgan, Jeanne Taylor, Pat Donaldson & myself (Sara Hammett) would go eat at least once a week trying out different restaurants, we made trips together to Indiana to visit dear friends & to Tamerack to visit Barbara’s sister. Then we started having breakfast every Friday at Bob Evans where Larry & sometimes others would join us. Our favorite waitress, Jill would get everything ordered as soon as she saw us coming. You can only imagine the wonderful stories that Betty shared with us during these times of how God performed MIRACLE after MIRACLE. I only wish we had written those down. She taught us so much about prayer & was such an encourager. She prayed many prayers for Larry & his ministry. We are so grateful to having known Betty & being a part of her life. We are thankful for all the prayers she prayed over us & our family & for all the wisdom we gained from her especially in the areas of prayer. This precious Saint will be missed so very much! ❤️ Sara & Larry Hammett

Sara Hammett - October 03, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JT

Beautiful and so sweet! As I read this to Barbara she said, “Betty had an authority about her. She told me to pray and I said I can’t and she said Oh yes you can and so I did!”

JEANNE W TAYLOR - October 18, 2024 at 06:52 PM

KH

“ We loved Betty and enjoyed being in her company. We always felt that her prayers reached heaven. We will hold onto many fond memories, some of which include a few spirited games of UNO and lovely meals!

Kelli Harrah - October 03, 2024 at 01:34 PM



👋 Oh Kelli! Betty and I had been reviewing some of the trips she went on and that trip to Blackwater Falls and the UNO games was one of our fondest! We laughed remembering how competitive she was! And ALWAYS meals! ☐

JEANNE W TAYLOR - October 18, 2024 at 06:56 PM