

Betty Jean West, age 89, of Farmington (formerly of Pine Bluff), went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 26th, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born November, 29, 1932, in Warren, Arkansas, to Lonnie and Fletcher Simmons.

Betty graduated from Warren High School and went on to have a successful 48-year career with Southwestern Bell and AT&T. She began as a switchboard operator, progressed through various roles and retired as a Carrier Maintenance Communications Technician. Notable accomplishments include the statewide deployment of 911 systems DWDM fiber optic programming, and her faithful support of the AT&T Pioneers Network. She was a devoted mother and wife and passionately supported her children's activities. In her leisure time she enjoyed spending time with friends, listening to music and dancing. She had a keen interest in real estate.

In retirement Betty relocated to Northwest Arkansas where she became an avid Razorback fan, spent time with her grandchildren and was active in the Farmington Senior Center and her church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Hoyle Simmons, sister, Jackie O'Briant, and husbands James Sterling West and George Thomas Strahan.

Betty is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Monieca, of North Little Rock; son Tim and daughter-in-law Jeannie of Pine Bluff; son Todd and daughter-in-law Denise of Fayetteville; nine grandchildren, Whitney, Laura (husband Sam), Katie (husband Seth), Caroline, Sterling, Sarah, Thomas, Cameron (Danielle), and Kailyn; six great-grandchildren, Jack, Dean, Olivia, Amelia, Matthew, and Audrey; step-daughter Dottie Strahan Vereen, step-daughter Stephany Strahan Beene (John), and her beloved friend and pitch partner, Sonny Sellers.



#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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# *Celebrating*

## *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



# *Betty Jean West*

*November 29, 1932 - August 26, 2022*

## MOTHER LOVE

God surely knew the world would need

A gentle loving touch,

When He created mother love

That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that children

Would need a guiding hand,

Someone who'd always be there

To care and understand.

God must have known our

Hearts would need

A special kind of cheer

When He endowed a mother's face

With smiles that would endure.

Of all the gifts that God does send

From His heavenly realm above,

There is none that is more precious

Than that of mother's love.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Betty Jean West

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

Main Street Baptist Church

Farmington, Arkansas

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF INTERMENT

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

Black Cemetery

Rison, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prelude Family Memories Video

"How Great Thou Art"

Opening Remarks Preston Beeks

Prayer

"Amazing Grace"

Family Remarks Sterling West

"Beulah Land"

Words of Comfort Preston Beeks

Closing Prayer

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

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### FINAL RESTING PLACE

Black Cemetery - Rison, Arkansas

### PALLBEARERS

Phil West - Tim West - Todd West

Sterling West - Sam Neal - Seth Halford

### MEMORIALS

*Those wishing to remember Betty in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Main Street Baptist Church, 49 West Main Street Farmington, AR, 72730, or the Farmington Senior Center, 340 West Main St, Farmington, AR 72730.*

## GOING ON AFTER A GREAT LOSS

You can shed tears that I have gone,

Or you can smile because I have lived,

You can close your eyes and pray

that I'll come back,

Or you can open your eyes and see

all that I have left.

Your heart can be empty because

you can't see me;

Or you can be full of the love I shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow

and live yesterday,

Or you can be happy for tomorrow

because of yesterday.

You can remember me,

and only that I've gone,

Or you can cherish my memory

and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do what I'd want,

Smile, Open your eyes, love, and go on.