



Betty Jo Boyt

August 16, 1945 - July 30, 2024

On the morning of Tuesday, July 30, 2024, our beautiful, precious mama, Betty Jo Presnell Collins Boyt, left this world of pain and suffering with her loved ones by her side. She left us to join many other cherished loved ones waiting for her in her eternal home, along with her Lord and Redeemer, Jesus. It is a comfort to know that she is now whole and healed from her courageous fight with cancer and dementia, through which her faith and trust in her Savior grew and was evident to all around her. Though we will miss her kind, loving, and generous heart, as well as her determined, sassy, and stubborn spirit, we know that there will be a day that we will be reunited with her. We did not say "good-bye" to her, just "see you later".

Betty Jo, as she was called, was born August 16, 1945, on a farm in Johnson City, Tennessee, into a large family of fifteen children to the late Miles Newton Presnell and Letha Wyatt Presnell. Mama deeply loved her Tennessee mountain roots and the Volunteers, and she made frequent trips "home" to see her family and loved ones. She always loved talking about and sharing stories of what it was like growing up in a big family on her daddy's tobacco farm. In 1964, our mama met our daddy, Bob Collins, at a church function on New Year's Eve. She said that the fact that he was in his Air Force uniform is what attracted her to him telling us, "When I saw your dad in that uniform, I knew I was going to marry him." Their romance quickly blossomed into a love story that lasted for nearly 43 years after she married him the day after her

graduation from Boones Creek School in 1964. The first years of their marriage were influenced by Daddy's time in the military as he served in the Vietnam War. After spending time in Texas as a nurse's aide while he was deployed, she and Daddy eventually found themselves in Savannah, Georgia, where he returned home and was finishing his time with the Air Force.

Eventually they returned home to Johnson City, where they started their family, adding two daughters and a son. Life took our family on many detours to live in places like Fort Myers, Florida; Orlando, Florida; Greenville, South Carolina; and, eventually, Newnan, Georgia, where we finally settled down to make our home in 1979. Through the years, God added to the family by way of marriages and births, including 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. After the loss of our daddy in 2007 to cancer, God saw fit to bring to Mama's life another loving, attentive husband, Ronnie Boyt, to whom she was married for 15 years. We are so thankful for all that he was to her, the love he showered on her, and the sacrificial care he gave as she fought so hard during her illness. He picked up the mantle of being not only Mama's husband, but her caregiver, chauffeur, and all the things that come with caring for a sick spouse.

Besides being a homemaker and raising her children, she was a longtime employee of Clover Electronics, where she made many lifelong friends. She finished out her time in the workforce at ACS and eventually Sivaco. In addition to spending time with the family she loved so fiercely, Mama enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening, shopping, thrifting, yard sales, reading, decorating her home, time at the beach, and all-you-can-eat crab legs! She always believed in leaving the house looking your best, even if it was just to the grocery store. These last several years, sitting on the front porch enjoying being outside was one of her favorite past-times. She was a dedicated member of Providence Baptist church, where she was part of the choir and the women's ministry.

The funeral service celebrating Betty Jo's life is Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 11:00 Am in the chape of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan, with Dr. Ken Norton officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Miles and Letha Wyatt Presnell; her first husband, Robert Edwin Collins; her grand-daughter, Phebe Grace Hall; great-granddaughter Oakley Monroe Faulkner; her siblings Pauline, Harvey, George, Ida, Robert, Earl, Rebecca, Roy, Teddy, and Nathan. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Boyt, along with her children Lynne Faulkner (Randall), Brian Collins (Spring), and Amy Collins; step-daughter April Savage (Justin); grand-children Elizabeth Faulkner; Scott Faulkner (Hope); William Faulkner (Tori); Rebekah Morgenstern (Nathan); Stephanie Hudson; Jonathan Collins (Shalie), Caroline Collins, Samuel Collins; Dixon Hall (Kristen); Emilee Smiley (Will); Joshua Kent; Emily Wilkerson (Kadney); great-grandchildren Owen, Magnolia, and Abram Faulkner; Adella, Neely, and Brecken Faulkner; Isaac Morgenstern; Liam Hudson and Keaton Johnson; and two step-grandchildren, Jacob and Andy Savage; siblings Tommy (Paulette) Presnell, Jackie (Doris) Presnell, Julia Ellis, and Sue (Kenneth) Phillips; and nieces and nephews too numerous to name.

We would like to thank anyone who ever showed Mama any kindness and token of love during her illness, whether it was prayer, food, visits, cards, gifts, money, or any other way you may have eased her heart and mind during this time. We cannot forget the loving staff of Guiding Light Hospice who helped us all navigate these last days of Mama's life. You were most assuredly a guiding light to us in this time of need.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jo Boyt*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 03, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jo Boyt*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - August 02, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ *I'm so sorry over the loss of your precious mom, grandma and wife. Auntie Betty Jo and I had connected when she was getting ready to remarry. I'm sorry I lost connection with her when I quit fb. My prayers are for the family for healing over the grief of losing a loved one. I wish I could've known in time to attend the service. I'm so thankful she is not suffering anymore and home with Jesus. In case the family would like to connect with me, I am the youngest of her sister Pauline's daughters. My email is 4yvonne4@gmail.com With prayers and love, Yvonne*

yvonne mayo - August 08, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ Joy Morgan lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Boyt



Joy Morgan - August 03, 2024 at 10:31 AM

CW

“ So sorry we could not be there to comfort you all. It's been many years since we've seen each other, but I remember those precious times at the old farm when we were kids. Remembering the sparkle in her eyes and her beautiful smile. So difficult to lose a parent and another of the few remaining aunts and uncles. Prayers for you all. With our deepest sympathy.

Carol Presnell & Terry Winemiller - August 02, 2024 at 08:41 PM

DH

“ Diane Gentzke and Elizabeth Herring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Boyt.

Diane Gentzke and Elizabeth Herring - August 02, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Boyt.



August 02, 2024 at 11:38 AM

FP

“ From Ken, Sue & Steven Phillips purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Jo Boyt.



From Ken, Sue & Steven Phillips - August 01, 2024 at 07:29 PM



Brandon Phillips

“ I send my deepest condolences to all of the family that Miss Betty has left behind. Especially my dear friend Amy Collins. I know she was a wonderful mother and grandmother who loved her family with a full heart. She will be deeply missed.



Brandon Phillips - August 01, 2024 at 06:34 PM

BP

“ Brandon Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Boyt.

Brandon Phillips - August 01, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Boyt.



August 01, 2024 at 06:27 PM

RR

“ I worked with Betty at Sivaco and she was such a joy to work with. Prayers for the family



Rachel Riggins - August 01, 2024 at 09:57 AM

RB

“ Praying for family.



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - August 01, 2024 at 04:10 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
From Deborah Kay Maidon, Wichita, KS

Deborah Maidon - July 31, 2024 at 09:05 PM



Hi Deborah! Are you Ida's daughter?

Lynne Faulkner - July 31, 2024 at 09:55 PM

DM

Yes ma'am....

Deborah Maidon - August 02, 2024 at 10:57 AM

BB

“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. She was my aunt and I was named after her. I remember as a kid going out to the farm and seeing her so long ago but it seems like yesterday. She will be missed.*

Betty Buckner - July 31, 2024 at 08:43 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Boyt*



Sandra Lewis - July 31, 2024 at 08:21 PM

FF

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for the family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*



Francis Futral - July 31, 2024 at 07:22 PM

TP

“ *Tommy and Paulette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Boyt.*

Tommy and Paulette - July 31, 2024 at 05:58 PM

TP

“ Tommy and Paulette purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo Boyt.



Tommy and Paulette - July 31, 2024 at 05:58 PM