



Mrs. Betty Jean Middleton

August 2, 1934 - August 7, 2015

Betty Jean Middleton, age 81, a native and resident of Loxley, AL passed away Friday, August 7, 2015. Mrs. Middleton touched the lives of many children that she had taken care of over the years. She loved yellow roses and birds. Mrs. Middleton is survived by her husband of 63 years, Gaither Middleton of Loxley, AL; daughter, Diane Middleton-Vogel (Jon Vogel) of Loxley, AL; son, Alvin Middleton (Victor Davis) of Tampa, FL; grandson, Bo Presley of Loxley, AL; three sisters, Dorothy Black, Doris Kincaid and Vaudine Driskell all of Loxley, AL. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Mack Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Dyess Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday, August 10, 2015 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Mack Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Covenant Hospice, 1040 Stanton Road, Suite D, Daphne, AL 36526. Funeral arrangements are by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, Hwy. 59, Robertsdale, AL.

Cemetery

Events

Dyess Cemetery

Dyess Cemetery Road
Robertsdale, AL,

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Mack Funeral Home

22154 State Highway 59 N., Robertsdale, AL, US, 36567

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Funeral

10:00AM

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Comments



“ From the very first time I met Betty, she made me feel very welcome... and in a very short time made me feel very much like a member of the family. We had a very special relationship through the years. We both had many things in common; we knew what it took to raise children, we understood family values, we knew taking care of parents (with all respect) was at the top of the list, we knew to care for those that cared for us and most of all...we knew how to show love for those dear to us!

Betty became a second Mom to me. Just like her born children, she gave me motherly advice and marching orders at times. She depended on me to take care of her beloved son while living so far apart. She often discussed his well being with me, his health and happiness. Her main concerns of him.

One of my most fond memories is the fact that Betty often spoiled me with one of her "Most Delicious" Pound Cakes. If you every had a bite...you know what I'm talking about! Sometimes she would even make her own son jealous with some of her comments; "Alvin, don't you work Vic too hard"..."It is his day off"!

I loved to hear her laugh, which she would do when she was getting the best of someone while playing card games. Betty definitely taught me how to be competitive while playing cards. One of her favorite pass times.

When visiting, I very much enjoyed mine and her quite time, very early in the morning over a cup of coffee...long before anyone else awakened. We would discuss the world issues and local issues; but mostly family matters and how to care for them.

I was very fortunate to be involved in helping Betty and Gaither celebrate 50 years together...something I truly admired and was proud of at the time. But they went on to 63 years together...Wow...something you don't see too often anymore! I have great respect for that!

I loved to hear Betty and her sisters (there were so many, at first I couldn't keep up with who was who) get together and talk about growing up on their farm and all the ole times! I felt like I was there and I relished in their fond memories of childhood.

Betty always had a warm hug for me coming and going. I truly felt welcome on arrival and would truly feel missed upon departure. She had a very nurturing way about her. I will very much miss those warm hugs, that smile and those loving words she would say...

I love you Betty; but until we meet again, just know I am taking care of my promise...you know what I mean...

Love you with all my heart,

Vic



“ Vic mom loved you like another son. She told me in her last days, "I don't have to worry about you, Alvin because I know Vic will take care of you". What a comfort to her in her last days to know that her baby would be taken care of in her absence. Thank you for this tribute to her life, you know she loved you and appreciated all you did for her during her life

Alvin - August 12, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ Tribute to My MOM, Betty Middleton

There is not enough words I can say to describe just how important my mother was to me, and what a powerful influence she continues to be in my life. There is no way to do so in a few short words! It just isn't possible!

A son sees his mother in a different light than anyone else. A strong mother-son relationship starts with consistency, patience, and emotional closeness. The first smile I ever saw was my Betty's smile. The voice I recognized was my mom's voice. One of the first memories was my dad putting me in the bed with my mom when he left early for work each morning! Bond between mom and I remains unchanged by time or distance. It is the purest form of love!

As a young child, I knew my mother was strict and consistent. The house was orderly. Rules were clear, and expected to be followed. She didn't spare the rod she would use the slap on the hand or my backside when she deemed necessary, but I always knew it was with love and it hurt her more than me. Mom did the majority of parenting in our household because my dad worked hard and many hours per day. They always put their children first ahead of their needs. She never used adversity as an excuse to give up, and she faced much of it during her life.

Life forces all of us into positions of compromise and presents challenges to our honesty and our integrity, and I observed my mom rise and meet these challenges throughout my life with courage and a toughness and a sense of right and wrong which guides my decisions in my professional and personal life today.

Here are a few lessons I learned from Mom:

1) My mother taught me LOGIC

Her logic was "Because I said so, that's why"

2) My mother taught me ANTICIPATION

"Just wait until I get you home"

3) My mother taught me RELIGION

"You better pray this comes out my carpet"

4) My mother taught me STAMINA

"You'll sit there until you clean that plate and drink that milk"

5) My mother taught me about wisdom in Age

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand"

6) My mother taught me you don't go to someone's house on an occasion without enter a pound cake or a ham

7) My mother taught me about SHARING

"Because she could sure give me a piece of her mind when she thought I needed it!

8) My mother taught me not to cave to Peer Pressure

"I don't care what anyone else mom lets them do, YOU ARE NOT DOING IT"

9) My mother taught me IRONY

"Keep Crying and I'll give you something to cry about"

10) MOST OF ALL MY MOM Taught me this past week

"How amazingly strong you can be when you have no other choice"

THANK YOU MOM for all of your tireless efforts to give me a good life, and absolutely amazing memories. You were the best inspiration a man could have every asked for! You gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, fought for me, but most of all you loved me unconditionally. You gave me life and never asked for anything in return. You believed in me when others doubted me, and you trusted me enough to

allow me to make my own decisions. I am grateful for the privilege to say that I am the proud son of Betty Middleton.

I'd like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or ever touched, they must be felt in the heart." (Helen Keller)

Thank you mom you will live in my heart forever! I LOVE YOU!

LOVE YOU FOREVER Your son - Alvin

Alvin Middleton - August 11, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ Alvin there is no doubt how much you loved your mom. You are a testimony to her life.

Patty McCormick - August 11, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ And she is even prouder of you now!

Dianne Stober - August 11, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ Your mom has to proud of the man that you and continue to be!

Julia - August 11, 2015 at 03:40 PM



“ You were you mom's heart. She will always protect and watch over her baby from heaven now.

Mary Beth - August 12, 2015 at 01:44 PM



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Mack Funeral Home - August 10, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ Mrs Betty was such a sweet sweet lady.I remember all the years at Stapleton Baptist Church and her devotion to the children and all the others throughout her life.May God bless and comfort each of you. Charlene and Dewitt Waters



Charlene Waters - August 10, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ Tim And Brenda White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Middleton



Tim and Brenda White - August 08, 2015 at 07:34 PM



“ Karen Morgan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Middleton



Karen Morgan Jackson - August 08, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ Alvin, So sorry for your loss. Karen Morgan

Karen Morgan Jackson - August 08, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ Bond between mom and I remains unchanged by time or distance. It is the purest form of love! Thanks Karen I know she is with the Lord and pain free now! She is at peace! But she lives in my heart forever!

Alvin Middleton - August 10, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“Granny was the most wonderful lady I ever knew. She helped me raise my babies and taught me how to be a good Mother. She was loved by many,many people and we will miss her. Becky Woodruff, Mother of Presley & Patrick.

Becky Woodruff - August 07, 2015 at 09:17 PM