



BETTY LOUISE SMITH

September 5, 2021

Betty Louise (known as Lou to her friends) Guthrie Shurley Smith passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021

Lou was predeceased by her parents Bruner and Ottie Woods Guthrie, her husband John Smith and her older sister Jesse Irene Guthrie Wiatt. Lou is survived by her sister Margene (Dickie) Wheeler, two daughters Jeanie (John) Killian and Kim Smith, grandchildren Amy McCormick, Chris McCormick, Amanda Jordan, John (Erin) Killian, Jr and Sarah (Brad) Killian Harris; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Betty Lou loved her family, her friends, her country and the Alabama Crimson Tide. Betty Lou knew Christ as her Saviour and we anticipate a reunion in Heaven.

the visitation will be from 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM, Friday, September 10, 2021, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 1:30 PM, at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Today at Noon, the Alabama Department of Public Health is encouraging everyone to participate in a moment of silence to honor the more than 12,000 Alabamians who’ve lost their lives to COVID-19. This recognition hits especially close to home. Sunday, my mother lost her mother Betty Louise Smith to this horrible disease.

I always admired Betty Lou’s work ethic. She never missed a day of work in her life. She spent long hours waiting tables and tending bar, earning every penny she had and never accepting a hand out.

There were few people who loved the Alabama Crimson Tide more than Betty Lou. I can’t think of a conversation I had with her in the last decade that didn’t center around Nick Saban and Alabama Football. She would even sign my birthday cards “Roll Tide!” Before she passed away Sunday, the last conversation she had was with her doctor about the Alabama game the night before – a pretty fitting way for Betty Lou to leave this world.

When I think about Betty Lou’s legacy, it’s not her work ethic or love for the Crimson Tide that comes to mind, it’s her first-born daughter, Jeanie Killian. Jeanie’s generosity, caring nature and humor brings value to people’s lives each and every day. And just like her mother, she’s the hardest worker in the room. I feel so blessed to call Jeanie MY mother and I’ll forever be grateful to Betty Lou for bringing her into this world.

My heart is broken that my mother, who means the world to me, had to lose her mother to this horrible disease. Unfortunately, there are thousands of families in our state who’ve had to experience a similar lose.

Today at Noon, I hope you’ll join me in a moment of silence for Betty Louise Smith and the more than 12,000 Alabamians who’ve lost their battle with COVID-19

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