



Betty Jo Crofts Phipps

September 4, 1930 - July 26, 2018

Betty Jo Crofts Phipps, age 87 of Searcy, died Thursday, July 26, 2018 in Searcy. She was born September 4, 1930 to Vernon Pate and Nancy Leigh Pearson Pate. She was a member of West Race Baptist Church, she retired after 36 years as an educator for Griffithville Public Schools (1950-1969) and Searcy Public Schools (1971-1989), and earned a Double Masters Degree in Child Psychology and Elementary Special Education. She is survived by one daughter, Stacy Crofts Duncan and husband Jarrod of Searcy; two granddaughters, Eva Grace Duncan of Searcy, Chloe Elizabeth Duncan of Searcy; husband, Carthel Lee Phipps of Searcy; one niece, Pamela Stewart Sharp and husband Max of Searcy; one nephew, Donnie Stewart and wife Marilyn of Searcy; and several loving cousins from the Pate and Pearson families. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 48 years, Paul Crofts; and one son, Timothy Vernon Crofts.

Visitation will be Monday from 1:00 until 2:30 pm at Powell Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be Monday at 3:00 pm at White County Memorial Gardens.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to West Race Baptist Church Youth Department, 100 W. Race Ave., Searcy, AR 72143.

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
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searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jo Crofts Phipps*



Powell Funeral Home - July 30, 2018 at 03:42 PM

JB

“ Just last night, my husband, Ricky, and I were reminiscing our Harding years. That led to thoughts about my student teaching experiences at McRae Elementary School in 4th grade under the supervision and mentorship of this beautiful, compassionate, and inspirational lady. That was in the spring of 1973. Stacy, you were only 2 or 3 years old, and oh! how she adored you. She shared with me the grief of losing your brother, and she truly treated me as an adopted daughter. My name is Jan Allen Brewer, and I have now retired from teaching, am a mom to 4 daughters and 2 sons, 6 children-by-love, 19 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren, and your mom made a difference in my life. Because of our chat about years gone by, I decided to google your mom to see if I could make contact with her and tell her what a role model she had been for me. I was so saddened to learn of her passing last year, and because I, too, lost my beloved mom 5 years ago, I share that experience. One of my favorite memories of your mom was her helping me name my first baby. At the time I was student teaching with her, I had been married over a year and was expecting our first child (and was oh, so sick!!). Your mom was so kind and understanding. I knew our name if we had a boy, but had no idea what we'd choose for a girl. Without giving it a second thought, your mom suggested I name a little girl Jan Nicole. Although I did not use the "Jan" after myself, I did use the "Nicole", and we ultimately named that first baby who turned out to be a girl, Brandolyn (Brandi) Nicole Brewer. I also loved the day she and I put boiled eggs into old-fashioned glass milk bottles without breaking the egg at all by placing a flame in the bottom of the bottle that sucked the egg down into the bottle. We laughed at how amazed our students were. I tell you that just to give you an idea of how vivid my memories still are of those very special months I shared with your mom. I met you and your dad, Paul, during that time. These pictures and the video revealed the very same joyful person who I remember. I can just see the love she had for you and your husband and daughters. How blessed you were to call her "Mom"! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as I belatedly learn of her passing. She will forever live in my heart! God bless you!

Jan Brewer - August 23, 2019 at 09:03 AM

PM

“ *Ms. Crotts was my 3rd grade teacher. From her I learned much about grace, kindness, leadership skills - so very much.*

May God bless her family.

*Pat Allen Mosher
Class of '71*

Pat Mosher - July 31, 2018 at 11:15 AM

CP

“ *I remember when she lost her 11 year son, Tim. Although her spirit was absolutely crushed, she maintained such grace and dignity at his funeral. I was only 14 but that impacted me in a powerful way. I've never forgotten it.*

Cherie Pearson

Cherie Pearson - July 30, 2018 at 01:18 PM

TC

“ *Stacy, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. May the peace of God surround you during this grieving time.*

Tiffany Crossen - July 30, 2018 at 10:06 AM

TH

“ Stacy and precious family,
Mike and I spent a lot of time years ago watching you grow up. We would all laugh when you would dress your poodle up and push him around in your baby carriage. Your mom and dad thought you were the most wonderful little girl in the world, just like your mom thought your girls were the most wonderful little girls in this world. Memories we share, going fishing and camping when you were little will never be forgotten. My prayers are with you and your precious family. Your mom was special and we loved her so much.
Love you'all,
Mike and Theresa Hurley

Theresa Hurley - July 30, 2018 at 09:26 AM

DB

“ I've known Jo for several years from dancing but more recently from cleaning her house. We would sit and visit when I took a break. She was always so sweet and lots of fun. You will be missed Jo! My thoughts and prayers to Stacey and Butch.


Debra Brayton - July 30, 2018 at 07:28 AM

RM

“ We have known Ms Betty Jo a long time. She was a very special lady as well as a wonderful teacher to both of us. She was our third grade teacher at Griffithville, AR. She was extremely good to all of her students, even giving us a nickel to get a candy bar from the store across the street from the school (what a treat that was). Roger and I were both shy in school and she helped to put us at ease the best she could. She would take students home with her from school and cut their hair or get clothes for them if they needed it, and sometime provide food. She was just wonderful. I'm glad I got to go to the last Griffithville School reunion we had in March of this year. Mrs. Crofts was there and we both got to get our pictures made with her as well as one with our daughter Gianna. Also I work at Unity Health and I got to take her to the X-Ray Dept. a couple of times last week. I enjoyed visiting with her. Even though she was feeling bad she still had that pleasant sweetness about her. We are all going to miss her very much. Love and sympathy to you, the family of our dear teacher.

Roger and Regena (Snelson) Mulherin

Regena Mulherin - July 29, 2018 at 05:31 PM


Susanna
Phipps

“ So sorry for your loss. We sure did love her so much. We are going to miss her.

Susanna Phipps - July 29, 2018 at 07:04 AM

MS

Carthel were so sorry for your loss,we sure love aunt jo and she will be missed by all,prayers for all family

Marilyn Stewart - July 29, 2018 at 08:07 PM



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Sue and Jim Roberts*

Bettie Sue Duncan-Roberts - July 29, 2018 at 03:47 AM



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right behind us. We know she will be missed. So sorry for your loss.
Prayers and Sympathy Terry and Lavine Watson*

Terry and Lavine Watson - July 28, 2018 at 09:55 PM



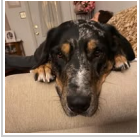
“ *I remember Betty Jo fondly, she was my third grade teacher, she
made a part of my life fun, and happy, and my life wasn't that
happy... I remember she had about eight of us girls do a routine in
the Halloween Carnival, we got to go home with her, and she had
made our costumes... she had a way of making us feel special...
She was a special teacher and person.. My sympathy in her death,
to her daughter, and to her husband, Carthel...*

Edith Self Kitts-Seger - July 28, 2018 at 02:11 PM



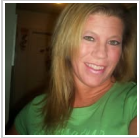
“ *Stacy..I am so very sorry to hear about your mom...I do know she
thought you were the best thing that ever happened to her, she told
me that several times...God Bless you as you learn to live without
your beloved Mother....*

Linda Lee - July 28, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *She was one of my favorite teachers from Griffithville school she has been a friend a long time I'm really going to miss her.*

Lucy Churchwell - July 28, 2018 at 07:00 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your mother Stacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.*

Gina Wilson - July 28, 2018 at 12:15 AM



“ *Stacy were so sorry,we know how close you and jo and those grandkids were,we love you and we loved her so much and sure going to miss her,prayers*

Marilyn stewart - July 27, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *Stacy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Helen Peterson - July 27, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *Stacy So very sorry for your loss . I have fond memories of Betty Jo from Third Grade at Griff and So glad I got to spend time with her at reunion last year.*

Marilyn Blackwell - July 27, 2018 at 06:42 AM



“ Thought's and prayer's for Butch and family. Jo was a sweet lady. I will miss her smile and will miss her a Ward County Dance.



Gloria Triebel - July 27, 2018 at 06:38 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of a wonderful lady . Jo was a good friend i will keep her family in my prayers.

Virginia Bouse-West - July 27, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ I know you love your aunt, Ashley. I am so sorry. You & your family are in my prayers.

Barbara Fowlkes - July 26, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort ~ Karen Webb

Karen Webb - July 26, 2018 at 04:49 PM