



## Bettye Ritchie Casey

May 23, 1940 - June 16, 2022

Bettye Ritchie Casey's body died on June 16, but her soul lives.

The daughter of Kathryn and Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., Bettye was born May 23, 1940, in Nashville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents (1983 and 1988, respectively), a brother, Andy T. Ritchie, III (2022), and her beloved husband of nearly 57 years, Gerald Casey, in 2017. She is survived by her brother Edward C. Ritchie of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; her sister, Joan Ritchie Toepel of Salisbury, New Hampshire; three children—Brian of Atchison, Kansas; Laura (Bruce Finnie) of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania; Greta (Neil Floyd) of Gig Harbor, Washington; and seven grandchildren—Heather Finnie, Bailey Floyd, Rebecca Finnie, Jackson Floyd, Hannah Finnie, Ryan Finnie, and Jedd Casey.

Foremost, Bettye was a Christian woman and a homemaker at heart. An accomplished pianist and singer with a bachelor's degree in music from Harding University, she taught piano in the home and taught music classes in a Christian school for several years. She and Gerald enjoyed traveling together to see sights, family, and friends. The daughter and wife of respected church leaders, she herself devoted much time and attention to the worship of God and to the scriptures. She taught women's Bible classes at the Cedars Church of Christ (Wilmington, Delaware) and College Church of Christ (Searcy, Arkansas) through much of her adult life and was respected as a student and presenter. She was also deeply committed to a close-knit prayer group for more than a decade.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 22 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home, Searcy, Arkansas. Burial will be private.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)

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# Tribute Wall

“It's been over 40 years since I met Bettye Casey at the copy machine in the teacher's room at the Newark Church of Christ Christian school and daycare in Delaware. It was the spring of my senior year in high school and I had started a job as an after-school aid and, considered myself in an unusual and new-to-me environment where I was paying close observation to all these coworkers that (I understood) called themselves "committed Christians.”

*In my mind's eye I remember her as a young, vivacious, beautifully dressed and beautiful woman and as I chit-chatted with her and introduced myself and mentioned that I went to Christiana High School, she said that I might know her son, Brian.*

*Of course. Of course I knew Brian since he was one of the first 9th graders I met in a music theory class our freshman year. While my interactions with Mrs. Casey were few and far between during the few years we both worked there, the Newark Church of Christ was a life-altering encounter for me, and I do have that clear memory of Brian's mother.*

*There is a poem that speaks of children being as arrows shot into the future. Our children go places we will never travel nor see... with far-reaching trajectories.*

*Surely Brian was well-formed within this family and today, those that know him can testify to that far-reaching and purposeful trajectory seen in his devotion to Jesus first, and the things of the kingdom of God, expressed in faithful living, in a world that holds many sorrows and many joys.*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to Brian, Jedd, Greta and family, Laura and Bruce and family.*

*Shalom.*

**Eileen Slifer** - June 24, 2022 at 11:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bettye Ritchie Casey.*



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June 20, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bettye Ritchie Casey.*



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June 20, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Connie and I are saddened to hear of Bettye's passing. She was a blessing in our Sunday morning Apprentices Bible Class at College Church. She will be deeply missed. Blessings to all of her family!*

*Zac & Connie Muncy*

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**Zachary Muncy** - June 20, 2022 at 03:24 PM