



Elizabeth Louise Alston

March 2, 1921 - December 9, 2012

Elizabeth "Betty" Louise Alston went to her Heavenly Home to be with her Lord on Sunday, December 9, 2012. She was affectionately known to her Family as "Boo." She was born to James and Kathleen Apperson on March 2, 1921 in Madison, Alabama. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Jack D. Alston, Sr. and two siblings, Charles Apperson and Kathleen Williams of Madison, Alabama.

Betty loved and enjoyed working with children for over 20 years in Education, finishing her career at Harding Academy. She loved spending time with her family, and from this she received her greatest joy. Betty's home was always filled with love, laughter, and sharing stories. She was always encouraging her family to remain steadfast in their walk with the Lord. Betty was a faithful member of the College Church of Christ for over forty years.

Betty is survived by Son Dr. Jack Alston and wife, Becky, of Tontitown, AR; Daughter Susan Barnes and husband Rick of Searcy; Daughter Mary Margaret Henson and husband Raymond of Sacramento, CA; Son Roy Alston and wife Cynthia of Framingham, MA; Seven Grandchildren, Cory Barnes and wife Christy of Shawnee, OK; Micah Barnes and wife Jennifer of Memphis, TN; Carolyn Donald-Alston of Atlanta, GA; Matthew and Joseph Henson of Sacramento; Ashley and John David Alston of Tontitown; Two Great-Grandchildren Ella and Weston Barnes of Shawnee, OK; Brother; James "Buddy" Apperson and Sister Dora Tuck and husband Marcus along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas with Dr. Jimmy Allen officiating. A reception with the Family will be held immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Associated Women for Harding Scholarship Program and the International Healthcare Foundation.
Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

LN

“ Dear "Miss Betty," as I called her, was one of the most lovely people in Searcy. From the day I met her, she was kind, funny, gracious, and hospitable. She was a spiritual mentor and a great encourager. I remember our trip to Freed-Hardeman with the AWCE group. She not only enjoyed the traveling and kept up with our busy agenda but ran circles around me with her energy and enthusiasm.

I didn't know her before her husband passed away, but their home was still full of his books and tokens and memories. I'm proud to have called her my friend--but she was more like my adopted fairy grandmother.

Lara Noah - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

KB

“ I have such fond memories of Mrs. Alston. I attended the Academy in the early 1980s and remember Mrs. Alston holding the library door open of the class and waiting for us to settle down, we would sit in a semi-circle in our little library chairs and some would move in closer and sit at her feet so we could see the pictures in the book. She always picked a book that had a good Christian moral. She would talk to us about learning to be good citizens in school and in our churches. I remember her sweetly telling me that she hoped that I liked my book as she stamped it with a due date. She always gave me an extra amount encouragement since she knew I struggled in reading. Of course, I moved on in school but everytime I saw her at a social gathering she would give me a warm hug and ask how I was doing with genuine interest. I remember when I was in graduate school at Harding I was telling her about a difficult class and she gave me an extra tight hug and told, "I could make it through and think of how proud you will be when you are finished, and I will be very proud too." Her faith in me and my ability stuck with me all these years. It is because of Christian educators like herself that gave me extra incentive to push through my education. Thank you Mrs. Alston for loving me and your mission in education. You will be missed!!!

Katherine (Terrill) Boone - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

LH

“ Betty was a dear friend and an inspiration in my life. I loved to hear her talk, and I knew that she loved me. She remained active in AWH until the end of her life by continuing to serve. She had a heart for students, worked hard to provide scholarships and gave many students a place to live when they desperately needed it. One of her biggest strengths was her ability to encourage. A letter or note from her was a great treasure. She leaves a wonderful legacy in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our loss is heaven's gain. She will be missed, but is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Liz Howell - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

KS

“ *Your Mother was a very special lady who touched many lives. I was blessed to have known her. The service was a wonderful tribute to her.*

Kathy Bullard Sweeney - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

AJ

“ *We are so sorry we could not be at the service for Betty today. We pray God's blessings on the family. She was a dear lady and she will be sorely missed.*

Alice Jewell - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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“ *As many have mentioned, every memory I have of your mother and grandmother is framed with her beautiful smile. I loved her positive outlook on life. I know you will miss her greatly.*

Nancy O'Neal - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

RS

“ *Mrs. Alston was always one of those I wanted to see and visit with on my returns to Searcy. She was always so gracious and kind to me. She seemed so genuinely glad to see me. I am sorry for your loss and am thinking of you all.*

Ramona Shackelford - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

WB

“ *Another soldier of the cross has gone home. God be with all the family at this time of sorry even as they celebrate a life well lived.*

Winnie Bell - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM

BA

“ Betty Alston was a dear lady who cared about so many people and showed us through spoken words, written messages and prayer. Often, she would say she was praying for something in our lives. What a blessing and great mentor she has been. Thank you, God, for bringing Betty into our lives.

Beverly Austin - March 29, 2013 at 02:08 PM



“ May God bless your grieving with the loss of your mom and grandmother. I enjoyed her smile and advice every time I saw her at church and otehr places in our community. I'm thinking of you, esp. Roy, Mary Margaret, and Susan, Rick, Micah, and Cory, those whom I know.

December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM