



Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Umphlette Bane

January 23, 1931 - February 8, 2011

Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Umphlette Bane died Tuesday February 8, 2011 in Halifax, Virginia. Born in Whaleyville, Virginia, Betty was the daughter of Floyd Riddick Umphlette and Susie Brinkley Umphlette. She is survived by her brothers Floyd Riddick Umphlette, Jr. and Lewis Carroll Umphlette and his wife Bettye Sue all of Suffolk. Her sister Ona Sue Holleman predeceased Betty. She is survived by her sister in law, Mrs. J. W. (Thelma) Bane of Vernon Hill. Betty loved her many Umphlette and Bane nieces and nephews and cousins.

Her husband was Sheriff Woody Kent Bane, Sr of Halifax who predeceased her. Their children are Sarah Bane Williams and husband Terrell, of Richmond and Woody Kent Bane, Jr and wife Kathy, of Halifax.

The grandchildren were her special love and they are: Sarah Elizabeth Bane Williams of Washington, DC and Dora Terrell (Dolly) Williams of Washington, DC, Woody Kent Bane, III who attends James Madison University, Katherine Elizabeth Stuart (Kate) Bane of Halifax and Mary Margaret (Meg) Bane of Halifax.

The cuisine will improve dramatically in heaven. Betty pinned the "What's Cooking with Betty Bane" column which ran in several Southside Virginia newspapers for over 45 years. Her columns were filled with the cooking tips,

great recipes and stories of her grandchildren. She knew that a great meal with family around a table filled with wonderful food was the secret to a happy family.

Betty served as President of The Woman's Club of Halifax, Virginia and as President of The Banister River Garden Club. She was a member of The War Memorial Committee for Halifax, County. She was a founding member of the Herb Club of Halifax and participated on just about every board, fundraiser and church committee.

Betty was elected and served as a member of the Town Council of Halifax, Virginia.

As President of The Women's Club, Betty spearheaded the raising of funds allowing the purchase of the land for the Halifax County War Memorial, the renovation of the Halifax Masonic Building and to add benches and flower containers to what she believed was the most beautiful town in our state.

Betty was a graduate of Madison College, now James Madison University, and had a Masters Degree in elementary education.

After graduation, Betty was an international exchange student as a participant in the IFYE Program.

She came to Halifax to start her career as an Extension Agent organizing Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H clubs through out the county. She knew every road in Halifax.

She later taught third grade at Halifax Elementary School where the plays, the fairs, and activities were always inclusive, fun and with notably delicious food.

As a long time member of Center United Church of Christ, she organized and published "Center Church Cuisine," a cookbook that featured the best of rural Virginia cuisine and favorite recipes of the then President, Governors and Senators with a letter from each.

Betty and her husband Woody served as youth directors for Center Church for over 20 years.

The funeral service will be at 2 pm on Saturday February 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church on Mountain Road in Halifax, Virginia. Grave side services will follow at Oak Level Cemetery. The family will greet friends at the Halifax Country Club from 6 to 8 pm on Friday night.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Sarah Elizabeth Bane Scholarship 25183 at James Madison University, 220 University Boulevard, Suite 1100 MSC 3603, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807 or The Halifax Women's Club, 92 Mimosa Drive, Halifax, Virginia 24558.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Woody and family, Sarah and family:
I was so very sorry to hear of Betty's passing. I always enjoyed every encounter I had with her over the years.
Betty was a fine person, a hard worker and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.
The Town of Halifax is a better place for having been the home of Woody and Betty Bane.
I will miss her greatly.

Sonny Riddle - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Woody Kent, Sarah and families,
Miss Betty and Sheriff Woody were truly family to me and Nelson.
My father and our whole family loved them both. Sheriff Woody took me on at the Sheriff's Office and truly made a better man out of me.
He and Ms. Bane were a team and Sheriff Bane was the best boss I ever worked for. Ms. Bane was a lady of pure class and always had a smile on her face to make you feel welcome. My family loved them both. My thoughts are with your family and it was a blessing that God placed these two wonderful people in Halifax Counties lives. Thank you both for sharing these great people with us.

Ray Link - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Always thought of her as a true family woman, never was close to her but I always knew who Betty Bane was by reading in the paper all of the wonderful things she did for the community and by reading the way she loved her family you can be proud of her legacy.

Debra Comer - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Woody,
I am so sorry for the loss your family is going through. I will keep
you all in my prayers for peace of mind.
Teresa

Teresa Chancellor - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are very sad to hear of your loss. We will miss seeing her on the
way to the pool. Isaac really enjoyed seeing Mrs. Bane.

Brian, Sandi and Isaac Satterfield - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was very blessed to have known Betty
through the years.

Vicki Buckner Montgomery - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ May the Lord be with you at this time of sorrow.

Katherine(Rene)Buckner - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so saddened to hear about Betty's death. She was so nice,
and refined.I used to talk to her at Sinai Elementary School waiting
for the children, and she would be waiting for her grand-children.
She was so down-to-earth and practical. I will miss her dearly.

Sarah Marshall - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ WOODY,MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OVER THE LOSS OF YOU MOTHER.SHE WAS A GREAT LADY IN HALIFAX COUNTY.

JOHN J LAWSON - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Betty will never die because I will still be using her recipes for many years. Her goodness will live on in her children and grandchildren. What a legacy!*
With love,
Beth Layne

Beth Layne - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Betty's passing. She was the 4-H Leader when I was at Halifax Elementary and now after leaving the area, I have always enjoyed her column in the county paper. My sympathy and prayers are with you all.*

Penny Irby Garber - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Bane family during your time of loss. Betty was a wonderful woman and a pillar in the community. God Bless! Keith*

Keith J. VanBenschoten - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family*

James & Karen Lucia - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Betty. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this time. We have lost a truly special lady.

Peggy Roark Knapp - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers to all of the Bane family. Betty was my second grade teacher, and for that I am truly grateful. In my mind's eye, I can see her just as vividly standing at the front of the room. I remember so clearly her patience in teaching us all how to write our cursive letters. And, our theatrical debut in "The Three Billy Goat's Gruff."
She was truly a mentor for me, and I will always hold her dear to my heart.

Judith Allen - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Bane family. Betty was my second grade teacher, and I can still visualize her so clearly standing at the front of the room. I remember so vividly her patience in teaching us all how to write in cursive. And, performing the children's play "The Three Billy Goat's Gruff."
Truly a mentor for me, and I will miss her dearly.

Judith Allen - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *What a legacy this wonderful lady had left! We are all blessed to have known her, even a little bit. We all have wonderful memories and great stories to share. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in these hard days. Take some comfort in realizing how very much you each were loved and admired and respected. You have large shoes to fill, but she and your dad made sure you were equipped with everything you need to live a gracious and generous love-filled life.*

Bunny Propst - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Betty was the most valuable treasure the town of Halifax possessed. She will truly be missed.*

David Irby - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers to family.*

Robin Anderson - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *My prayers are with you.*

Sharon Turner Evans - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM