



## Betty Howard Pettit

December 1, 1937 - July 19, 2024

Betty Jane Pettit (nee Howard), a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and community servant, passed away on July 19, 2024, at her home in Mooresville, NC. She was born on December 1st, 1937, in Cuba, NY to her loving parents Blanche D. (nee Johnson) and Leslie C. Howard.

Betty's life was defined by her unwavering dedication to her family and the causes she held dear. She was married to Charles "Bob" Pettit in Ellicottville, NY on September 19, 1959, and together they raised three sons - Joshua T. Pettit, David L. Pettit (Marie), and John A. Pettit (Kimberly) - who were the light of her life. Her grandchildren - David R., Matthew J., Neil W. Pettit, and Elizabeth C. Dunfey (Kevin) - brought immeasurable joy into Betty's world. Betty is also survived by her brother James W. Howard and predeceased by siblings William E., Donald L. and Donna L. Howard, and several nieces and nephews.

Throughout her lifetime Betty demonstrated an unyielding commitment to serving others through various avenues including school activities for her children as they pursued their dreams; church events for Churchill Memorial United Methodist Church and West Church LKN where she found solace in faith; Boston Volunteer Fire Company initiatives that allowed her to protect the community of Boston, NY she cherished so deeply; and Boy Scout programs where she mentored and supported her children and the entire troop.

Betty faced tremendous challenges throughout her life but always emerged stronger than before. As a two-time cancer survivor herself (Lung and Kidney) who fought valiantly against the disease with grace and courage inspiring all those around her with hope for brighter days ahead.

For the last 11 years Betty bravely confronted Alzheimer's disease which tested not only her strength but also that of everyone who loved her dearly. Despite this formidable adversary, Betty refused to be silenced or defeated by it - instead becoming a beacon of inspiration as she shared candid insights into living with Alzheimer's through social media platforms like TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube thus raising awareness to nearly a million followers about this debilitating illness while offering comfort & support to others facing similar struggles worldwide.

Her tireless efforts led Betty to become one of the Top 50 Fundraisers globally for the Alzheimer's Association - raising over \$70,000 for the disease - an accomplishment that reflected both the depth of compassion within herself as well as the profound impact she had on countless lives touched by this devastating condition.

A funeral service will be held at Cavin Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 1PM where friends & family can gather together one last time to honor Betty's remarkable legacy. The family will receive friends and family from 12-1PM.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation towards finding a cure for Alzheimer's Disease via The Alzheimer's Association- an organization close to Betty's heart. Donate at [lmBetty.com](https://www.lmBetty.com).

Betty will be laid to rest in Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville, NC and forever remain etched within our hearts as we carry forward memories filled with laughter, love, resilience & boundless kindness. Her spirit shall continue shining brightly through each act of generosity performed in remembrance;

every moment spent cherishing family bonds; each instance when we choose empathy over indifference. May we find solace knowing that though physically parted from us now, she remains ever present within our souls guiding us along paths paved by enduring affection.

Rest peacefully, dearest Betty, knowing your legacy of love and kindness endures across generations leaving behind indelible footprints upon sands traversed by humanity itself.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Pettit family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**AUG 4.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 E Plaza Dr.  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
(704) 664-3363  
cavincookfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.cavin-cook.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Peace be with you. I've lost touch for awhile, and found you have passed. Thank you to Bob & family (son) for making her life so profound.

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**Connie Sky** - December 18, 2025 at 12:00 PM

RA

“ Rest in peace beautiful soul. I also did not know her personally but have followed her on Facebook for quite a while. I've watched the comments about how insensitive y'all were and you must know in your heart you were not. Quite the contrary. The love and laughter shared between all of you was so enlightening and knowing how painful it was for you to have to watch her decline was heartbreaking. Thank you thank you so very much for bringing awareness to this awful disease called Alzheimer's may you rest in God's Loving arms while you recover from this loss sending prayers.

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**Rebecca Adkisson** - August 11, 2024 at 01:52 PM

SH

You are the perfect soul, You brought us all along with your journey, your face so kind and beautiful, its a hard disease to have, you know you're still you but you can't seem to get the words out..Rest Easy now Betty, we will be with your Family as long as they'll have us, ❤️

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**Shirl Hillier** - September 17, 2024 at 09:49 PM

ST

I didn't realize she passed away but I had missed seeing her on Facebook. I'm deeply sorry for your loss of such a beautiful lady. She was truly a joy to watch & see how much she was loved by her family and all the viewers. May she take rest with the Lord now.

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**Shirley Lorraine Torres** - November 16, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DI

“ Didn't know Miss Betty personally but loved watching the videos that were about herr and her family. Miss Betty was an inspiration to many people who also suffer with this disease, and her family were truly incredible at looking after her. May she rest in eternal peace and may the family have time to grieve and gain strength for the future, sending you condolences and love Diane



Diane - August 07, 2024 at 05:18 AM

DG

I AM SO DEEPLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. BETTY BROUGHT ME BACK TO MY YEARS AS A CNA, WHICH WERE THE MOST WONDERFUL YEARS OF MY LIFE. THANKYOU BETTY. YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE LIT UP THE AND WARMED MY HEART. REST IN PEACE SWEET BETTY YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED

Diane Godfrey - December 26, 2025 at 06:13 AM

MS

“ One amazing lady ❤️💙 one amazing smile which beamed on every videos especially when it was breakfast time .Gonna miss seeing you amazing infectious smile but I will keep it in my heart ❤️💙 and memories for always Thinking of Bob and Joshua Sending ❤️ thoughts ❤️❤️ from sharon in the UK ❤️🇬🇧 R.I.P.ONE AMAZING LOVELY LADY BETTY ❤️



MRS SHARON L SHEPHERD - August 04, 2024 at 08:23 AM

FN

*Betty will be missed tremendously. I loved seeing Betty on her videos with her funny humor with her husband Bob and son Josh. R.I.P. sweet Betty and much prayers for Bob, Josh and the rest of Betty's loving family.*

Faith Nardella - August 04, 2024 at 09:47 PM

MN

“*Josh and Bob, I so enjoyed seeing the love you had for Ms betty...Ms betty was such an angel on earth ..she is very missed*

Michelle nash - August 03, 2024 at 05:18 PM

MA

“*Mary lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Mary - August 03, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JA

“*Janice lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Janice - August 01, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JA

*I love watching Mrs. Betty Pettit , she was a joy and blessing, praying that God is with you all.*

Janice - August 01, 2024 at 05:02 PM

IF

“ Heartfelt condolences to Bettys husband, sons, daughters in law, Grandchildren, friend's, her carers & all who lover & cared for Betty. May she be at peace & may the happy memories you all made with her throughout the years be a source of comfort to you all. Rest in peace.

Irish fan - July 31, 2024 at 09:28 PM

PF

“ Paula O Fuller lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit



Paula O Fuller - July 30, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of my sister's passing. I will share my condolences in person.

James W Howard - July 30, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JE

“ I love watching Ms. Betty. She had so much courage. I know how it is with Alzheimer's. My sister passed away in April. You all on on my thoughts and prayers. ❤️🙏



Jeri - July 30, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Betty...I felt like I was a part of her life thru the videos. She seemed like such a lady of grace and compassion. I watched every video I could get of her , watching and praying for her. I'm very sad. Bless you and your family for sharing Miss Betty with all of us. I will never forget her.  
Barb...Rockford Il

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**Barbara Gustafson** - July 30, 2024 at 09:48 AM

TH

“ Tony & Deb Hvizdos purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Howard Pettit.



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**Tony & Deb Hvizdos** - July 29, 2024 at 10:52 PM

ML

“ Rest in peace dear soul. Fly high with the angels



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**Mike McCarthy - St Louis** - July 27, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SW

*I have been watching Betty for a while now on YouTube and I find her to be sweet and Nice and kind and she loves Mickey mouse and she loved sweets cookies doughnuts cakes Josh and his dad was really good to her you could not ask for a better son too his mother and the Dad also was a lot of help and loved her with all his heart ❤️ he made her breakfast every morning and brushed her hair and she loved to receive gifs from all over the world Betty was a good inspiration to the community and for people to learn about dementia Josh a big part in that showing people how it is to care for something one that has the terrible disease and I am very sorry that Miss.betty had to go through that at least she wasn't put in a home and she was not alone she had two kind men and a nurse to help her through the terrible disease to the whole entire family I am so sorry for your loss and May Miss Betty Rest in peace*

**Stacie Waters** - July 28, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Kim Packham lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



**Kim Packham** - July 27, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ *Thinking of you all as you go through this very sad time of grief . I have been watching the videos of Betty on Facebook and I greatly admired her courage and your inspiration of care and love . R.I.P Betty and may you all treasure the memories of your loved one ❤️  
xx*

**Kim Packham** - July 27, 2024 at 05:29 PM

CM

*Prayers of peace and loving comfort through our Lord Jesus Christ for all of you. Be proud of the wonderful care you provided for so many years. Thank you for sweet Betty with us.*  
*Cindy Miller*

**Cindy Miller** - July 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

OB

“ *Ommanda Nicole Babineaux lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



**Ommanda Nicole Babineaux** - July 26, 2024 at 04:17 PM

OH

“ *Online friend Jeri Lynn Fortune Horn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Howard Pettit.*



**Online friend Jeri Lynn Fortune Horn** - July 26, 2024 at 10:52 AM

SW

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Bob, Josh and family. You will be missed Ms Betty, Rest in peace Betty*



**shirley Wallington** - July 25, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Barbara - July 25, 2024 at 10:47 PM

BA

*Love and prayers from Franklin, TN*

Barbara - July 25, 2024 at 10:49 PM

SH

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to you all may Betty rest in peace from Sharon Hutchinson Adelaide South Australia*



sharon Hutchinson - July 25, 2024 at 10:36 PM

KO

“ *We, your Facebook family will forever hold memories of "our" beautiful Betty! May you rest in eternal peace.*



Kathy Ingram ~ Columbus Ohio - July 25, 2024 at 09:56 PM

BA

“ *May you Rest in Peace beautiful lady.*

Barbara T Ahern - July 25, 2024 at 07:10 PM

MW

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family loved to see Betty's pretty smile. Gone and at rest but will never be forgotten  
Friend



Mary woolard - July 25, 2024 at 01:51 AM

CC

“ Sweet Betty.... thank you for touching so many lives! Thank you Josh & Bob for sharing her with all of us. You both were absolutely amazing with her. I will miss seeing her beautiful smile! I will also forever remember you Betty. Love & prayers to you.....



Cindy C. - July 24, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ You were the statuesque woman who lived next door to my sister Jeanie Ruchalski and her family. I always thought you so courteous and kind and indeed friendly. May you have found perfect peace in eternity. Condolences from the George Baksa family.

Mary Price - July 24, 2024 at 12:37 PM

SE

“ Mrs Betty,  
Your love of life will live for ever you where a sweet and beautiful lady inside and out my thoughts and prayers goes out to bob and josh . I hope you find peace in heaven 🌹



Sarah Edwards - July 24, 2024 at 06:32 AM

DI

“ *Dianne lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Dianne - July 24, 2024 at 01:23 AM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



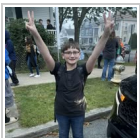
Robin - July 23, 2024 at 10:12 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Linda - July 23, 2024 at 09:41 PM



“ *Have been following Betty for almost a yr now my heart goes out to the caregivers and her husband and son for all the wonderful videos you posted .I have dealt with same thing with my mom and late husband caregiver. She is at peace now we will miss her smiling face .you guys did a fantastic job taking care of her.love you Betty you will be truly missed ❤️😭❤️*

Dianne Rost - July 23, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LD

“ I want to send are thoughts and prayers to this family. I follow Mrs Betty on Facebook and love seeing her smile and just seeing her happy and love how she took the donut and love seeing her daily made my day . Hugs from Illinois .



Linda k Dickey - July 23, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ I have been following Betty's story for a long time. I want to thank you for sharing her latter life with us. So much love and support from you guys. RIP sweet lady, RIP.

Donna Stanley - July 23, 2024 at 09:44 AM

KM

“ Dear Pettit Family, My heartfelt sympathy. Prayers for you all.



Kathy Mack - July 23, 2024 at 03:42 AM

JM

“ Jason L Mattair sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Howard Pettit



Jason L Mattair - July 23, 2024 at 02:25 AM

JJ

“ Oh Josh & Bob - I've been following Betty for awhile now. I am so so sorry for your loss. I feel like I've lost a relative. What you did in sharing Ms Betty's story will help so many other families. My deepest condolences to you, your Dad and the rest of your family. May she be Resting in Eternal Peace - she will definitely be missed



Joanne Bidder Jumper - July 22, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TR

My sincere prayers for the peaceful repose of Betty's soul, consolation for all who mourn her passing and gratitude for you who have shared your journey helping many who face alzheimers and other long term illnesses. God's love and mercy endless forever. God bless you all

Teresa Ragusa - July 22, 2024 at 10:10 PM

MF

Betty and my mom were born one year apart. My mom experienced dementia and we lost her just 8 months ago. It was both comforting and informative for me to have watched Betty for the past year or more. Mom was going through some of the same issues, but I couldn't be with her as she lived in Ohio and I in Alaska. We talked every day until the last two days of her life. My heart goes out to you, Josh and Bob and the other two siblings. Betty brought smiles to my heart and I'm so sorry she's gone from us now. It leaves an empty place in my heart as I'm sure it does in yours. I hope that Betty's faith was in Jesus so that she is living life better than ever now!

Melodie Fair - July 23, 2024 at 05:11 PM

 Julie Najim

“ I didn't know Betty but watching her on tik Tok I feel like I did. She made me smile and I was so sad to see that she had passed away. My prayers are with your family during this time.

Julie Najim - July 22, 2024 at 06:25 PM

CA

“ My prayers and love go out to her family. I followed Ms. BETTY on Facebook and enjoyed watching this beautiful lady. I want to thank Josh for posting videos so people can see what a terrible disease Alzheimers really is. Thank you Bob and Josh for taking such good care of her. She was quite a fighter and a gracious lady. RiP Ms. BETTY.

Carolyn Arne - July 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Pettit family at this difficult time.  
Rest In Peace Betty.

John Whitman - July 22, 2024 at 01:55 PM

LO

“ Thank you for sharing Betty's story. I stumbled upon Betty, one day on Tik Tok and she grabbed my heart. She was a very strong woman and put up such a fight. In her sharing, she educated people about the disease of Alzheimer's and equipped us for any future dealings with this insidious health condition. Thank you, Betty. May you rest eternally in PEACE.

Lorna - July 22, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Howard Pettit.



July 22, 2024 at 01:31 PM

TD

“ Thanks so much for sharing your mom with me and others. She and your family brought smiles to so many. Prayers for you and your family during this time.

Tammy Davidson - July 22, 2024 at 11:07 AM

PW

“ Thanks for Sharing Betty with me. Prayers for peace and comfort are sent for your family.

Penny Williams - July 22, 2024 at 10:32 AM

FN

“ Thank you for sharing your videos of your loving and caring family and how beautiful your mom was. The dedication that you all showed your mom in her care is something to be admired God bless all of you and much continued good health.

Faith Nardella - July 22, 2024 at 04:22 AM

ML

I have been watching your family for a long time. This devastating disease as struck my family 4 times. What an inspiration you have all been. May you rest in peace Betty prayers up tobacco down.

Melanie lummiss - July 22, 2024 at 04:10 PM

DS

“ I had just started following Betty a couple of months ago, she inspired so many people and she was a very sweet lady. She will be missed.

Delana Smith - July 22, 2024 at 02:35 AM

DC

“ *The last few years I followed Betty and her family through her illness. At times I laughed, cried, or prayed, depending on the situation. She is now free of that horrid illness and you may all rest knowing you gave her such care and love.*

David McAllister, New Brunswick, Canada - July 21, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ *Betty your life was an inspiration to so many people. Thank you for sharing your story so publicly.*



Ladia Jones - July 21, 2024 at 05:32 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Stutts lit a candle in memory of Betty Howard Pettit*



Barbara Stutts - July 21, 2024 at 12:17 PM

KC

*Betty you will truly be missed. RIP and may God be with Bob and Josh during this difficult time*

Karen Clemons - July 21, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DT

*So sorry for your loss. Ms. Betty was a beautiful soul. Prayers for Josh and Bob.*

Denise Teetor - July 21, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SO

*I have followed Betty and her battle for some time now. I pray that God will welcome her home. RIP Miss Betty. Love from follower's in Ireland*  
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**SEAN ORR** - July 21, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DG

*I'm so sadden by the passing of Miss Betty she sure was a trooper. Fly with the angels Miss Betty. Bob and Josh you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Love from Ontario, Canada 🇨🇦*

**Dan and Olga Green** - July 21, 2024 at 05:20 PM



*Ms. Betty you will never be forgotten.*

**Ladia Jones** - July 21, 2024 at 05:33 PM

JK

*Betty...you will be missed by many.....RIP..... Josie Klimaszewski.....BFLO, NY*

**JOSIE KLIMASZEWSKI** - July 22, 2024 at 01:37 AM

CW

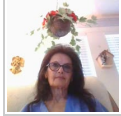
*It was so heartening to see that during a family's darkest hours that humor and love prevailed! May God bless you all!*

**Celia Williams** - July 22, 2024 at 05:43 PM

BL

*so sorry to hear of Ms Betty's passing . I enjoyed watching her on facebook. Rest in peace Ms. Betty*

**Betty Lovingood** - July 22, 2024 at 07:11 PM



*My heart breaks for you and all Miss Betty's family and friends that followed her. She was such a sweet, kind, and loving person, with the sweetest smile. I watched all her videos, she made me smile, Miss Betty felt like family to me. She is going to be missed dearly by everyone, my heart sank when I found out she passed. Rest in Eternal Peace Miss Betty, we love you.*

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**Henrietta Rozier** - July 22, 2024 at 10:05 PM

PH

*I am saddened to hear that she passed. I loved her smile. I will miss that sweet lady. PT. Long Island, NY*

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**phyllis** - July 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MA

*God rest Betty's sweet soul. My thoughts and prayers are with all her loved ones.*

*Mary Werner Overland Park, KS*

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**Mary** - July 26, 2024 at 11:49 AM