



Mrs. Betty A. Burges Criddle

July 22, 1939 - September 4, 2021

West Point, Ms - Betty A. Burges Criddle, 82, passed away on September 4, 2021 at her residence in West Point. She was born July 22, 1939 in Webster County to Willie Belle Gore and John Allen Burges. She was a Switchboard operator at Bryan Foods for 15 years and was a member of the Church of Christ. Betty married James Forest Criddle on February 21, 1960 in the Dancy Community. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1985.

The following is a eulogy written by her daughter Ellen:

“Mothers never die; God needed another Angel.... My Dad is smiling today, the love of his life has joined him, Nana is smiling. My mother was the kindest, most generous and loving soul that I will ever know. She loved life and loved us all unconditionally and we are better people for being loved by her. A mother’s love is forever. It will nurture you from deep within the soul, even when she is gone. Losing her is losing is the only person who always understood the things you never said.”

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors include one daughter, Ellen Turner (Brian) of West Point, MS, one son, Jay Criddle (Andrea) of Flora, 4 grandchildren; Victoria McElhenney (Hank), Lexi Nolan,

Colby Criddle, Carli Grace Criddle, 2 great grandchildren; Tyler Nolan and AnnElyse McElhenney and one sister; Edna Jean Coleman. Preceding her in death were her parents, one sister; Ella Pearl Pate, four brothers; Bo, Hubert, Charles and Willis Albert Burges and one grandson; Tyler Forest Nolan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Betty Criddle to: Batson Children's Hospital at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216 or made online at umc.edu/givenow.

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family during this difficult time. We met Betty and Forest in 1965 when we were all stationed at Ft Lewis along with Jimmy and Virginia Vail What wonderful couples to meet up with, and since I grew up near Ft Lewis the Criddles and Vails were frequent guests at my folks place for some good Italian dinners. Forest and Jimmy were great friends with a good sense of humor, especially when we were in Vietnam together. And Sharon and I were fortunate to visit the Criddles at their home in 1975 and they had some of our other Army friends over for a great reunion.
We will always be grateful for Betty and Forest's friendship.
Steve and Sharon Mariotti

Steve Mariotti - September 12, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty A. Burges Criddle.



September 05, 2021 at 05:58 PM

GS

“ I worked with Forest many years ago at Bryan Foods. I also knew Betty and she was a very sweet lady. Praying for family.

Gloria Sims - September 05, 2021 at 03:33 PM

TT

“ So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. She and Forest were good friends of my parents. My Dad and Forest worked together at Bryan many years. Prayers for the family.

Tommy Trenor - September 05, 2021 at 09:39 AM

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Sorry, I meant to say Betty.

Tommy Trenor - September 13, 2021 at 08:02 AM

DB

“ So very very sorry Ellen 😞 Love & prayers sent ❤️🙏

Debra Brock - September 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM

FW

“ Jay and Ellen, I am saddened to hear about your mom. She was always supportive of me when I had you in my class. You were blessed to have her as your mom! Hugs.

faith west - September 04, 2021 at 12:22 PM

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Thank you 😊

Ellen Turner - September 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM

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Thank you so much 😊

Ellen Turner - September 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM