



Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris

May 7, 1934 - April 17, 2026

Betty Rudine "Dean" Morris, age 91, of Sylvester, Georgia, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, April 17, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Having joyfully celebrated her 92nd birthday a little early with those she loved, her family lovingly claims those 92 years as a full and blessed life.

Born on May 7, 1934, in Tifton, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Marshall & Gertrude Taylor. Dean lived a life rooted in unwavering faith, love, and service. While she lived simply, her life was rich in the things that matter most: her devotion to Christ, her commitment to her family, and her dedication to serving others.

Dean was a faithful servant of the Lord and a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Sylvester for many years. She served as WMU Director, passionately leading mission's efforts and initiatives, including the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and always striving to further God's kingdom. She found great joy in worship music and praising her Savior, and her life was a reflection of God's grace and love.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Dean raised her children in the knowledge of the Lord, instilling in them a strong foundation of faith that continues through generations. She cherished time spent with her family and friends, whether gathered together in fellowship or enjoying a simple game of cards. Her kindness, gentle spirit, and steadfast faith left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Dean was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, James William

Morris, Sr.; her parents, Marshall Taylor & Sarah Blanchard; and her sister, Alice Faye Massey.

She is survived by her brother, Tommy Ray Taylor; her four children, James William "Bill" (Barbara) Morris, Jr. of Sylvester, Boyd "Ray" (Cheryl) Morris of Sylvester, Donald "Don" Leroy (Misty) Morris of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and Jan (Hank) Wadkins of Sylvester; her grandchildren, Deana Jordan, Jay Morris, Rena Johnson, Kayla Couch, Jana Dyke, Josh Wadkins, Ben Morris, Erin Morris, Megan Davis, and Brandon Morris; and 16 great-grandchildren, all of whom are part of her enduring legacy of faith.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Sylvester. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Though she will be deeply missed, her family rejoices in the promise of eternal life and the assurance that she is now at peace in the presence of her Savior. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lottie Moon First Baptist Church Sylvester.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

APR 19 (ET)

Oak Ridge Cemetery
1312 Magnolia Drive
Tidton, GA 31793

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lisa Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



Lisa Hardin - April 20 at 07:26 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



Bonnie Potts - April 20 at 01:52 AM

CY

“ *We are praying for the family.
Sending love & prayers,
Clay, Angel, Gavin, & Ansley Young*

Clay & Angel Young - April 19 at 09:31 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



Charlotte Souter Hall - April 19 at 03:26 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Karen Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Bobby and Karen Watson - April 19 at 11:12 AM

SJ

“ Mrs. Morris will be missed by all at Maple Court. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say of how much she appreciated us. Thoughts and Prayers are with her family for Peace and Comfort.



Susan Jones - April 19 at 09:48 AM

BG

“ Dean was such a precious lady. She was full of joy and always smiling.
Tommy and Bobbie J. Gay

Bobbie Gay - April 19 at 09:08 AM

JL

“ Judy Spence Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Judy Spence Lowe - April 19 at 07:19 AM

SF

“ Sans Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Sans Smith & Family - April 18 at 10:38 PM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Mack and Mary Houston - April 18 at 07:51 PM



“ Sandra Dilley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Sandra Dilley - April 18 at 06:45 PM

JC

“ Janie Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Janie Crowe - April 18 at 06:44 PM

SW

“ *Mrs. Dean was a good and faithful servant.
Thank God for her example of dedication.* ”



Stacy Weaver - April 18 at 06:18 PM

DP

“ *Diana McLemore Pratt lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris* ”



Diana McLemore Pratt - April 18 at 04:38 PM

CY

“ *Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Betty "Dean" Morris* ”



Carol York - April 18 at 04:20 PM

TL

“ *So thankful for the time we were able to
spend with Dean at Maple Court recently. We
loved her very much and she will forever be in
our hearts. We will be lifting her family up in
prayers during this difficult time. We love yall!!* ”



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - April 18 at 04:13 PM



“ Aunt Dean was always loving and sharing about Jesus! She was a great example of a Godly Christian woman. She is loved and missed soo much!



Tammy Wilkerson - April 18 at 03:10 PM

KB

“ Katie Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Katie Bell - April 18 at 03:09 PM

DB

“ Debbie Gray Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Debbie Gray Bridges - April 18 at 02:58 PM

JK

“ Jan And Alan Kimbro lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Jan and Alan Kimbro - April 18 at 02:52 PM

RH

“ Ray, Cheryl, and family,
Tracy and I would like to offer our condolences for your loss. May
God give you all the comfort and peace that He can provide during
this time.

Ricky & Tracy Harrell - April 18 at 01:05 PM

BA

“ Beth Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Betty "Dean" Morris



Beth Adams - April 18 at 12:32 PM

PN

“ Pat Narred lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Betty "Dean" Morris



Pat narred - April 18 at 12:19 PM

SJ

“ Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Sandra A Jones - April 18 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ We loved Dean! She was our Sunday School. A true blessing to others teaching about the Bible. God bless the family!

judy sutton - April 18 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ Martha Cross Saunders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Martha Cross Saunders - April 18 at 10:34 AM

SR

“ Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Sharon Rhoads - April 18 at 10:34 AM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris



Karen McDonald - April 18 at 10:31 AM

MB

“ *Mark Bibby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



Mark Bibby - April 18 at 09:40 AM

CH

“ *Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



Charlotte Souter Hall - April 18 at 09:10 AM

JO

“ *JR OSBORNE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty "Dean" Morris*



JR OSBORNE - April 18 at 08:39 AM

BH

“ *I remembered Ms. Dean Morris from working at the courthouse in Probate Court office. I send my deepest condolences to her family and my prayers are with you*

Brenda Hicks - April 18 at 08:25 AM

KC

I have known Dean our entire life. She was a wonderful lady and so sweet. She will definitely be missed by all who knew her. God bless your family and friends in this time of sorrow.

Kay and George Coker - April 18 at 08:46 AM

WT

Dean and her family will be greatly missed at Maple Court. Love, hugs and prayers to all of you!

Wilma Tyson - April 19 at 11:34 AM